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ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

In the matter of the Indian Company's Act VI. of 1882, and of the Achar Manufacturing and Press Company, Limited, and reduced.

THE ACHAR MANUFACTURING & PRESS COMPANY, LIMITED, "and reduced" .....Petitioners.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order made by the said Court, dated the 6th day of October, 1903, the said Court has confirmed the following resolutions passed by the said Company, for REDUCING the CAPITAL of the said Company, viz :—

1. That the Capital of the Company be and the same is hereby reduced from Rupees two lakhs, to Rupees one lakh and fifty thousand only, by reducing the nominal value of the Shares from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 750 by paying to the Shareholders the sum of Rs. 250 per Share out of the Reserve Fund.

2. That the Article No. 4, of the Company's Articles of Association be and the same is hereby altered by striking out, the words "2 lakhs" in line one after the words Rs. and substituting the words "1 lakh and fifty thousand" in place thereof, and by striking out the number "1,000" in line two and substituting the number "750" in place thereof, and by altering the Article 123, by adding at the end thereof the following words: "And also especially in paying a further sum of Rs. 50,000, or distributing the same amongst the Shareholders in the proportion of Rs. 250 per share for reducing the Capital of the Company from Rs. 2,00,000 to Rs. 1,50,000 and reducing the nominal value of the Share from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 750."

3. That the Board of Directors be and the same is hereby authorised to apply to the Court and to do all other acts and things for the purpose of carrying into effect the above resolutions, and "to do all things incidental thereto and also to issue new Share Certificates in the form and in the manner necessary or advisable in the matter.

By the said order it is further ordered that the addition of the words "and reduced" to the name of the said Company be dispensed with from the date of the said order namely the 5th day of October, 1903. And by the said order the said Court has approved the following Minute, viz :—

MINUTE APPROVED BY THE COURT.

The Article No. 4 of the Company's Articles of Association be and the same is hereby altered by striking out the words "2 lakhs" in line one after the word Rs. and substituting the words "1 lakh and fifty thousand" in place thereof and by striking out the number "1,000" in line two and substituting the number "750" in place thereof, and by altering the Article 133 by adding at the end thereof the following words: "And also especially in paying a further sum of Rs. 50,000 or distributing the same amongst the Shareholders in the proportion of Rs. 250 per Share for reducing the Capital of the Company from Rs. 2,00,000 to Rs. 1,50,000, and reducing the nominal value of the Share from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 750." The said Minute and the said order were duly registered on the 10th day of October, 1903, in the Office of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Bombay.—Bombay dated the —— day of October, 1903.

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CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Poona, 8th October, 1903.

POONA 12TH EXTRA MEETING.

TUESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1903.

(DEVALEE HOLIDAY.)

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 374 of 1901.

JAMSEDJI NUSSERWANJI TATA, of Bombay Parsee inhabitant, residing at Wandby Road, Fort ..... Plaintiff,

vs.

RANCHORDAS GIRDHARIDAS, of Bombay Hindu inhabitant, residing at Bhuleshwar without the Fort of Bombay, a minor of the present age of two years or thereabouts by his guardian adlitem Mr. F. H. De BRITTO, MANOJKJI EDULJI CONTRACTOR, of Bombay Parsee inhabitant, residing at Parel, without the Fort of Bombay, VITHALDAS RAMDAS, of Bombay Hindu inhabitant, residing at Bhuleshwar, outside the Fort of Bombay, and JETHA BHAMA, MOTI PAMA, NARSING JETHA, MALLA PAMA and NATHA BOKA, the last five trading together at Bombay in Partnership under the name, style, and Firm of JAITHA DHIMA and COMPANY, outside the Fort of Bombay ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to the Decree Absolute made in the above Suit and bearing date of 10th day of February, 1903, the following immoveable properties will be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of October, 1903, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon.

PARTICULARS.

All the estate right, title and interest of the Plaintiff and the Defendants abovenamed in the following properties, viz :—

LOT No. 1.

All that piece of land situate at Worli, in the town and registration of Bombay, containing by admeasurement seven thousand eight hundred and sixty-two and a half square yards, be the same, a little more or less, and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 1-3226, and assessed by the Municipality under Ward No. 440, and Street No. 342, and bounded on the north by what is known as Cleveland's private Road, on or towards the south partly by the property hereinafter thirdly described and partly by the property of Dr. Hormusji Limjeebhoy Batliwala, on the east by the Cleveland Road, and on the west by the property of the said Hormusji Limjeebhoy Batliwala, reserving to Mr. Cleveland the original owner of the property, the right to draw water from the well referred to in a certain Indenture of lease bearing date the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and made between Mr. Cleveland of the one part and the Bombay Tile Company, Limited, of the other part, for the use of his servants, workmen and cattle and domestic purposes.

LOT No. 2.

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LOT No. 3.

All that piece of land, with the hereditaments or chawls standing thereon, situate at Worli, in the town and registration district of Bombay, on the west side of Cleveland Road, containing by admeasurement two thousand seven hundred and twenty square yards or thereabouts, and bounded on the north by the property hereinbefore firstly described, on the south and east by Cleveland Road, and on the west by the property of Dr. Hormusji Limjeebhoy Batliwala, and which premises are registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 1-3226, and Assessed by the Municipality under Ward No. G-139 (1) to 439 (9) and Street No 341 (c) to 341 (h).

LOT No. 4.

All that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement three hundred and ninety-three square yards and seven ninths of another square yard or thereabouts, situate at Worli in the town and registration district of Bombay, and registered in the Books of the Collector of Bombay along with the other land under Collector's Old No. 667, and New Survey No. 3226, and bounded on the south by Cleveland Road, on the north and east by the land belonging to Gool Mahomed Ebrahim and Mahomed Hossein Ebrahim, and on the west by the property of the said Dr. Hormusji Limjeebhoy Batliwala.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. ARDESIR, HORMUSJI, DINSHAW and COMPANY, Attorneys for the Plaintiffs abovenamed, at No 29, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.—Dated this 3rd day of September, 1903,

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A consignment of 10 packages ice incandescent electric lamps of 100 to 220 Voltage and 8, 16, 25 and 32 candle power.

The above will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

Under instructions from the Administrator-General Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 12th instant, at 3 p.m., the effects of the late Mr. J. E. Peaton, consisting of 1 S-B. lady's small bore 16 inch rifle in wooden case, large electric bell, 1 shikari soda water machine in deal wood box, 1 photo camera complete with plates, lense, stand, washing dishes and chemicals, portable dark-room and binoculars in leather case.

The property is on view.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 12th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods, and the following:—

Household furniture such as sofas, chairs, cabinets, teapoys bedstead, marble top table, teapoys, cupboards, chest-of drawers, meat-safe, hat and bookstands, air gun, dagger and hunting knife, uniform case, carpets, canvas bags, books, lamps, tea-poys, deck chairs, canvas chairs, cooking stove, coin cabinet with 40 drawers, etc.

1 D. B. B. L. C. F 12 bore gun by W. W. Greener in canvas case.
1 " " 16 bore gun by J. Allport.
1 cottage piano by Squire and Longson, London.

The property of a gentleman—

Handsome mirror back sideboard, dinner waggon, chest of drawer yacht stove with copper boiler, etc.

The property of a deceased doctor—

Operation case enema syringes, microscope, midwifery instruments, magnetic battery, breast pump, etc.

On account of the concerned—

40 cases each 1 for, quartz Pilsener beer.

On account of the concerned.

600 feet Chicago rawhide rope belting 3in., 2in., 1½in and 2in.
190 feet Chicago rope, 1in. and 2in.
72 lbs stuffing
193 lbs packing, 3in, 2½in, 2in, 1½in, 1¼in, and 1in.
24 doz couplings, 4in, 3in, 2½in, 2in, 1½in and 1
700 feet Chicago rawhide twist 1-16 in, 1in, ¾in, and ½in.

AT 2 P.M.

Several second-hand gent's bicycles
2 gent's perfectly new bicycles, one is a racer and the other has a free wheel with a Bowden back rim brake,
1 waler horse going in harness,
1 C. B. bay horse going in saddle,
1 chestnut arab horse, going in saddle,
1 rubber tyred landau,
1 light victoria
1 French polished office shigram
1 glass-fronted double-seated brougham
1 light dogcart
And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 13th instant, at 1 p.m. Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the "Malabar Cottage" Ridge, Malabar Hill, near the Police chowkey, the valuable and handsome substantial made household furniture of the latest design, best platedware, crockery, and glassware, semigrand piano by Soundy and Co., in perfect order, handsome rubber tyred circular glass-fronted brougham, handsome vis-a-vis by Marius, Vienna, with English rubber-tyred wheels, 1 grey Arab horse, 6 years old, 15 hands, going in harness, incandescent gas chandelier and lamps, Zanzibar parror, brussels carpets, rich table ornaments, oleographs, fowl houses, &c, the property of S. A. Nathan Esq. (changing his residence)

The property of another gentlemen—

1 rubber-tyred English landau, one rubber-tyred English single-seated brougham, 1 Baba pony with saddle.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

AUCTION SALE OF CHOICE AND RARE PLANTS IN TUBS AND POTS.

On WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, at 7 a.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Karelwady, Thakorwar Road, opposite the Pandav Dharamsala, a large number of choice plants, such as different varieties of crotons, Poona roses, dracuna, magnolia grandiflora, creepers, grafted chikoo, caladiums, ferns, begonia, about 50 varities of palms, including pre-chardis, grandis and pacifica, lantana, rubra arica Americana, &c, the property of NANABHAI BURJORJI BAKLATWALA Esq.

Catalogues are published and the plants are on view.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 12th October, 1903.

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE (OLD MINE) WHITE FINEST WATER DIAMOND EARRINGS.

Under instructions from the Administrators of the Estate of the late Mr. Ardishir Hormusjee Wadia, Messrs BENNETT & Co., will on FRIDAY, the 16 instant, at 3 p.m., sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, to close account.

1 pair of very valuable (old mine) white finest water diamond earrings.

The above will be on view four days before the sale.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED LUGGAGE, PARCELS &c., at the G. I. P. Railway Lost Luggage Office, Victoria Terminus.

In accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of Railway Act IX, of 1890, and under instructions from the G. I. P. Railway Company, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the above-mentioned place, on THURSDAY, the 15th instant, at 2 p.m., a quantity of unclaimed luggage and parcels, &c., particulars of which may be ascertained from the Undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT TAMARIND LANE, FORT.

Under instructions from the executors of the late Ba Fachoobai, widow of Mr. Serabjee Bomanjee Patliwala Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at 4 p.m., sell by Public Auction on the premises, the following very valuable landed property:—

All that piece or parcel of Government land or ground with the messuages tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate at Tamarind Lane, in the Registration Sub-district of Fort, containing by admeasurement 968 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of Collector of Land Revenue under old No. 132, 133 and 133 and new No. 4187, 4982 and 4984 and old Survey No. 1831 and new Survey No. 9149, and in the books of the Municipality under ward No. 1265 to 66, and street No. 4 to 12, and is bounded as follows, that is to say, on the east by the properties of the late Sir Dinshaw Maneckji Petit and Dadabhoy Rustonji Parakh, on the west by the properties of Meherwanji Jehangir Tarachund and Bomanji Pestonji Palkhiwala, on the north by the private passage and on the south by the Tamarind Lane. The property yields the monthly rental of Rs. 457. A portion of the property is let to the Government Postal Press for Rs. 500 per month, exclusive of water rate for a period of seven years.

For further particulars and condition of sale application may be made to Messrs. Nanu and Hormusji, solicitors, at their office, No. 89, Medows Street, or to the Undersigned.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 12th October, 1903.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co,
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
21, MEDOWS STREET, FORT, BOMBAY.

SALE OF VERY VALUABLE LAND AND MILLS of the Southern India Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd. situate at Royapuram, Madras.

(Sale to take place in Bombay.)

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co., will, under instructions from Messrs. Gokuldas Naranji and Sorabjee Cursetjee Sett, the trustees for the debenture holders of the Southern India Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., by virtue of an indenture dated 26th January, 1898, sell by Public Auction at their Sale Rooms, 21, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of October, at 2-30 p.m. all the estate and interest of the said Southern India Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., hereafter called the said Company in all the piece of land at Royapuram in Madras, hereafter briefly described and all and singular the mill's engine house, boiler house, warehouse, and other buildings standing thereon, and all and singular the engines, boilers, millgear, mill wright work, fixed and moveable machinery tools, fixtures, and other plant, placed or used in or upon the said land, buildings and premises and used in connection with the business of the said Company.

The Mills are at Royapuram in the City of Madras, and consist of two mills erected on a large piece of land admeasuring about 20,600 square yards, surrounded by a pucca boundary wall. The spinnings mills are believed to be equipped with machinery which is in good working order, with the exception of few and the greater part of the machinery is of the modern principle, and the whole consists of about 22,000 spindles.

For further particulars, conditions of sale, and list of machinery application may be made to the undersigned or to Messrs. Pestonjee, Rustomjee and Kola, solicitors for the said trustees, at their office No. 79, Meadows Street, Fort, Bombay.

IMPORTANT TO CAPITALISTS.
RARE OPPORTUNITY TO ERECT CHAWLS AND BUNGALOWS.
FIRST CLASS SITE ON MAIN ROAD.
SALE OF VERY VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT BHIL ROAD, BANDORA.

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co. will, by order of the mortgagee in possession, and on account and at the risk of the estate of the mortgagor, the late Mr. Ratanjee Jamasjee Mistry, deceased, sell by Public Auction on SUNDAY, the 1st day of November, 1903, on the premises, the undermentioned property at 4 in the afternoon:—

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, together with the messuage, tenement, or bungalow, stable, cook-room, outhouses standing thereon, situate at Bandora, in the dist ict of Thana, in the registration sub-district of Bandora fronting on the south side of the Bandora Hill Road, and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue of Thana under survey Nos. 20, 21, 22, 21, 21, 21, 22, 187 and 188, Sub Nos. 19, 17, 18, 20, 16, 15, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 8, 3, 7, and 9 and re-registered in the books of the Municipality of Bandora under No. 166, 199, and containing by admeasurement 8,824 square yards or thereabouts, and bounded on the east by a cemetery and a chawl with shops, on the west partly by the property of Cowasji Pallonji Pochkha wallah and partly by a private passage, on or towards the north by the property formerly of Cowasji Pallonji Ranji, and on or towards the South by the public road called the Bandora Hill.

A special plan is prepared for the abovementioned plot showing how the same could be divided into convenient plots for the purpose of erecting several buildings, which plan can be seen at the office of the undersigned.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs. Feroze and Rustom and Kola, attorneys to the mortgagee, or to the Undersigned.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.

Bombay, 12th October, 1903.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREET, FORT.

SALE OF SALVED GOODS, DAMAGED BAGS OF RAPESEEDS &c.
LANDED EX S.S. "HILARIUS."

Under instructions from Captain Charles K. Sergent Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co. will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 13th instant at 2 p.m. at the Prince's Dock F. Shed, and on account of whom it may concern:—Consisting of

T M
D S & Co —153 bags rapeseeds damaged
G R
M S
E — C—2 bags mowra seeds, damaged.
127

landed damaged by fire ex S.S. "Hilarius"

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Undersigned, or to Messrs. JAMES MACKINTOSH & Co.

SALE OF STOCK-IN-TRADE of the partnership business carried on in the name of Khakeebhoy Padumsey of very Valuable and Rich Chandeliers, Paraglasses, Furniture, &c.

By order of N. C. Macleod, Esq. Receiver, appointed by the High Court in Suit No. 831 of 1901. Ahmedbhoy Meherallibhoy vs. Cassumalli Meherallibhoy and others Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co. will sell, on the premises, by Public Auction, in convenient lots, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, at 2 p.m., the stock-in-trade consisting of rich chandeliers, rich glasses, fairy lights, table ornaments, chandelier and lamp fittings, platedware, cutlery, glassware, Chinaware, earthenware, hall carpets, lamps, drawing-room sofas and chairs, bentwood chairs, flagstaffs, shop furniture, &c., lying in the shop at Kalbadevi, No. 250.

For inspection of the premises and for further particulars and conditions apply to the Undersigned.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF NAKHODA STREET NEAR PYDHONIE, AT BOMBAY.

In the High Court of Judicature at Bombay.
Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.
Suit No. 205 of 1903.

Jeerumbai, widow, and others ..... Plaintiffs.
vs.
Hawabai, widow and others ..... Defendants.

Under instructions from Norman Cranston Macleod, Esq., the Special Commissioner and Receiver appointed in the above suit by the consent decree made therein on the 16th day of July, 1903, and pursuant to the directions contained in the said consent decree, Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co. will, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of October, 1903, sell by Public Auction on the premises, at 4-30 p.m., the property hereunder described and situated at Nakhoda Street near Pydhonie:—

All that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 325 8-9 square yards or thereabouts (of which 163 square yards or thereabouts are fazendari land and 162 8-9 square yards or thereabouts are Government land, registered by the Collector of Land Revenue in the rent roll of quit and ground rent under old No. 881, new No. 7818, old Survey No. 2306 and new Survey No. 1281) together with the messuages, tenements or dwelling houses standing thereon, assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under B Ward No. 949, Street No. 3031, all which premises are situate at and on the northern side of Nakhoda Street near Pydhonie, at Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, and are bounded on or towards the east by the jamatkhana belonging to the Kolsa Moholla jamat, on or towards the west by the property of Haji Mahomed Hajee Abd Rehman, on or towards the north by a sweeper's passage, and on or towards the south by the said Nakhoda Street, and which said premises were formerly in the occupation of the tenants of Hajee Cassum Noor Mahomed, deceased, and are now in that of the said Special Commissioner and Receiver.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Mr. Kharshedjee D. Shroff, attorney for the said Special Commissioner and Receiver, at his office at No. 13, Hornby Road, Fort, or to the Undersigned.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 12th October, 1903.

NOTES.

INDIAN LAND REVENUE,

FOR PRINCIPLE AND SOUND POLICY BY TODARMAL;

Price Re. 1, Postage half-anna

To be had at the "Bombay Gazette," Bombay.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

LONDON, OCTOBER 9.

SECURITIES—

2½ per cent. Consols	88 15-16	=	— 1-16
3 do. Rentes	97	=	+ 1-16
3½ do, Indian Sterling Loan	105	=	unchanged
3½ per cent, Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	65 15-16	=	do

SILVER—

Spot in London	27 5-8	=	+ 3-16
2 months hence	27 1-4	=	+ 1-4
Spot in New York	59 3-4	=	+ 3-8

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25 16 1-2	=	— 1
Berlin "	20 41 3-4	=	
New York Damand	4 85 3-4	=	+ 1-8

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4 pr ct	=	unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	3 1-2 pr ct	=	do
6 " " "	3 3-4 pr ct	=	do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	3 7-8 pr ct	=	do
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	4 1-4 pr ct	=	do

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	1 5-8 pr ct	=	do
7 day market loans	2 1-2 pr ct	=	+ 1-4

Extra Council Bills allotments on Madras, Rs. 20,000 at 1s. 4 1-32d.

RUBBER.

Para Rubber, 4s. 4d. nominal.

WHEAT.

White Karachi 23 7-8. Business done.
Red Karachi 23 1-4. Sellers.

SEED.

Rapeseed.—Yellow Cawnpore 34 1-4. Oct.-Nov. Buyers. Tone steady.
Do. Brown 34 7-8, Oct.-Nov. Buyers. Tone steady.

Arrival—Steamer Steinberger.

SPECIE SHIPMENTS.

Silver to Bombay £13,000
Gold to Bombay £40,000

In Liverpool—

Cotton.—Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester quiet. Total sales 7,000 bales. Spot 5·80 — 4. Sold on speculation and for Export 500 bales. Imports Nil. Arrivals closed easier.

Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.
5·0	4·26	4·91	4·93
— 5	— 7	— 7	— 7
Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April.	April-May.	May-June
4·93	4·93	4·91	4·91
— 7	— 8	— 7	— 7

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	45,000 bales.
Do. last year	40,000 "
Exports to Great Britain	15,000 "
Do. do Continent	10,000 "
Mid-Uplands	9·60 unchanged
Futures, month of Dec.	9·21 —3
Do. do. March	9·22 —3

In New Orleans—

Spot	9 1-3—1-4
Futures, month of Jan.	9·07 —3
Do. do. April	9·25 —3
Tone at close	Steady.

The following are the receipts of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Friday, 9th October, 1903:—

Cotton	45 bales.
Wheat	10,742 cwts.
Linseed	2,419 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard seeds	6,452 "
Gingellyseed	2,513 "
Poppyseed	1,111 "
Groundnuts	85 "
Castorseed	6,760 "
Rice	151 "
Myrabolams	211 "
Cottonseed	7,191 "

BOMBAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10.

EXCHANGE—Tone steady.

Bank T.T.	1s. 3 31-32 1.
Bank Demand	1s. 4d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.	1s. 4 7-32 1.
Do 6 do do	1s. 4 3-8d.
French Francs 5 do do	170 1-4
Marks 3 do do	138
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight	135
Shanghai 30 do do	186
Japan 30 do do	151 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone firm.

Cash	Rs. 99 00
1st Settlement	98 13

Money Market,—Tone quiet.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 3rd Sept.	4	per cent.	
Bank of Bombay do. 20th Aug.	3	do.	
Bank of Bengal do. 23rd Aug.	3	do.	
Bank of Madras do. 23rd July	4	do	

SEEDS—

	Rs.	a.	p.	
Linseed.—Tone steady.	6	5	6	
Rapeseed.—Tone firm.				
Brown Cawnpore Ready	Rs. 5	6	0	per cwt.
Yellow Cawnpore	" 5	13	0	"
Yellow Guzerat	" 5	13	0	"
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.				
Ready	6	4	0	
Castorseed—Tone steady.				
Ready	21	8	0	

WHEAT.—Tone quiet.

Pissi, 91 per cent.	Rs. 30	per candy
Club, No. 1	" 29	"
Hard. Red	" 22 12	"

COTTON.—The local market is quiet and unchanged, with the exception of Bengals which are very firm, with few sellers, owing to the heavy rainfall reported lately in these Districts. For early delivery there is some enquiry from exporters and mills.

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 3rd October, 1903, as compared with the statement of 22nd September, 1903:—

LIABILITIES.	Sept. 21. Rs.	A.	P.	July 28. Rs.	A.	P.
Capital paid-up	2,00,00,000	0	0	2,00,00,000	0	0
Reserve Fund	1,21,50,000	0	0	1,21,50,000	0	0
Public Deposit, &c.	1,65,59,933	4	0	1,82,49,613	7	0
Other Deposits, &c.	9,10,45,547	15	7	9,06,70,832	0	5
Bank Post Bills, &c.	12,80,653	15	6	6,40,268	10	6
Sundries	18,01,479	12	2	18,70,458	1	10
Rs.	14,20,00,617	15	3	14,35,81,172	3	9

ASSETS.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Government Securities	1,72,56,100	0	0	1,56,37,303	0	0
Other authorised investment	65,59,072	0	0	68,40,277	0	0
Loans on Govt. and other authorised Securities	2,37,31,462	1	2	2,59,45,747	9	9
Accounts of Credit on do.	1,50,02,410	14	0	1,45,95,588	12	4
Bills discounted, &c.	2,31 22 538	8	6	2,20,77,528	3	9
Balances with other Banks	21,15,835	14	8	27,13,057	1	11
Bullion						
Dead Stock	17,98,178	11	0	17,96 617	5	11
Stamps	12,0 9	12	5	211,220	14	9
Sundries	10,13,945	0	0	9,96,793	13	6
Cash, &c., at Head Office.	2,25,73 361	0	0	1,89,56,823	6	9
Do. at Branches	2,95,10,676	9	6	3,41,47,521	15	1
Rs.	14,20,00,617	15	3	14,35,81,172	3	9

LIABILITIES.	Rs.	
Govt. Balance at Head Office	16,62,688	Decrease
Do. at Branches	33,52,363	Increase
Other Deposits	3,74,716	Decrease
Post Bills	6,40,383	Decrease

ASSETS.	Rs.	
Bank's Investments	14,23,905	Decrease
Loans	22,07,312	Increase
Accounts of Credit	4,06,822	Decrease
Mercantile Bills	41,740	Decrease
Cash at Head Office	43,68,678	Decrease
Do. at Branches	16,36,848	Increase

BOMBAY RIFLE CLUB.

THE 27th and 28th silver Spoon Competitions of the Club took plaace at Ghat-Cooper on Saturday The next shoot will be notified by Post Cards. The following are the scores:—

	Score 500 yds.
Lce Corr. 1 Lillywhite, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	27 a
Cr Sergt Fry, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	23 b
Corpl Powell, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	23 c
Gunner Scott, Bo Vol Artillery	23 d
Sergt Major Harrison, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	23 d
Cr Sergt Harris, Bo Vol Rifles	23 d
Sergt Otto, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	23 d
Sergt Major Downing, Bo Vol Rifles	21 c
Sergt Dracott, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	21 d
Sergt Instr Briffitt, Bo Vol Rifles	22 d
Vol Alcock, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	20 d
Gunner Walters, Bo Vol Artillery	19 d
Vol Paterson, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	20 f
Mr Gillard, Civilian	14

a Handicapped 8 Points winner of 2nd Spoon.
b Handicapped 6 Points Winner of 2nd Spoon.
c Handicapped 10 Points.
d Handicapped 6 Points.
e Handicapped 8 Points.
f Handicapped 2 Points.

	Score 600 yds.
Sergt Instr Briffitt, Bo Vol Rifles	26 a
Sergt Major Harrison, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	25 b
Sergt Otto, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	25 c
Gunner Walters, Bo Vol Arty	25 c
Sergt Major Downing, Bo Vol Rifles	23 d
Corpl Powell, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	23 e
Gunner Scott, Bo Vol Arty	23 c
Lce Corpl Lillywhite, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	23 e
Cr Sergt Harris, Bo Vol Rifles	22 c
Sergt Dracott, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	19 c
Cr Sergt Fry, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	18
Vol Paterson, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	17
Vol Alcock, G I P Ry Vol Rifles	17
Mr Gillard, Civilian	14

a Handicapped 6 Points Winner of 1st Spoon.
b Handicapped 6 Points Winner of 2nd Spoon.
c Handicapped 6 Points.
d Handicapped 8 Points.
e Handicapped 10 Points.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATH and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Re. 1, for six lines or less, and 4 as. for every additional line. Cash strictly in ADVANCE.

EUROPE.

BIRTH.

NIMMO—October 6, at Dumfries, Scotland, the wife of J. D. Nimmo, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

FROWD—WILLIAMS—Sept. 17, at Holy Trinity Church, Beckenham, W. H. Williams, of Penang, to Eleanor Maude daughter of G. W. Frowd.

HARKER—ROSS—Sept. 22, at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, C. W. Harker to Florence Zelitha Beatrix Gwendolen, daughter of the late Capt. G. E. A. Ross.

HILL—MATTHEWS—Sept. 17, at Mortheth, Devon, F. J. A. Hill, Bombay, son of the late Capt. H. W. Hill, R. N. to Eleanor Deane, daughter of W. E. Matthews, of Villa Lorenzi, Florence.

KENNEDY—LEPPER—Sept. 15, at St. Nicholas's Church, Carrickfergus, Capt. W. M. Kennedy, Indian Army, Assistant Commissioner, Assam, to Margaret Mereedy, daughter of A. J. A. Lepper.

SMYTH—STONE—Sept. 22, at St. Peter's, Malvern Wells, J. R. H. son of the late Col. H. M. Smyth, formerly of the 27th Regt, and Staff officer of pensioners for the Birmingham District, to Elizabeth, daughter of the late Rev. E. H. M. Stone.

DEATHS.

CAMPBELL—Sept. 17, at South Park, Campbeltown, the Dowager Lady Campell, widow of the late Sir J. H. Campbell.

HALKETT—Sept. 19, at Pitferrance, Fife, Adelaide Frances, daughter of Sir A. Halkett, of Pitferrance, Bart.

HOBHOUSE—Sept. 16, at The Manor House, Mankton-Fairleigh, Wilts, Annis Violet Dove, daughter of Sir C. and Lacy Hobhouse, aged 28.

SHARP—Sept. 21, at Camberly, widow of Lieut-Col. J. R. Sharp, late the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt.

SEROUTE—Sept. 21, at Histon, Cambs, H. M. Sproute, late Captain, and batt. 10th (Lincoln) Regt, aged 62.

THEOBALD—Sept. 17, at Bounside, Cheltenham, Lieut. Col. C. P. Theobald, late Royal Art, aged 66.

TURNER—Sept. 18, at Parkin, Carnarvonshire, Sir L. Turner, J. P. D. L. aged 80.

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

THORBURN—October 11, on Sunday morning, at St. George's Hospital, Annie, widow of the late Thomas Thorburn, Bombay Port Trust.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

HALLOWES—October 3, at Bareilly, the wife of Captain F. W. Hallowes, S. & T. Corps, of a daughter.

SMITH—October 6, at Bruter, Kodaikenal, the wife of C. Smith, D. P. W., of a son.

THOMPSON—October 9, at Foster Gardens, Madras, the wife of J. W. Thompson, of a son.

DEATH.

BOOSCH—At his residence, "The Retreat," San Thome, B. G. A. Boosch, Postal Department (retired), aged 64 years.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 53m, Sun sets, 5h. 41m. High water, 2-52m., 2-44a. Low water, 8-32m. 3-34a.

Municipal Corporation, 3 p.m.

New Empress Manufacturing Company, Bruce Lane, 4-30 p.m.

Jaigaum Manufacturing Company, Bruce Lane, 5 p.m.

Public gathering to bid farewell to the Lord Bishop of Bombay, Education Society's grounds, Byculla, 5 p.m.

Bombay Philharmonic Society's practice, Town Hall 5-45 p.m.

Gymkhana Bowls Handicap commences.

ARRIVAL OF A NATIVE CHIEF.—His Highness Raja Fatehsinghji Motisinghji of Chhota Oodeypore, attended by eight followers, arrived in Bombay on Friday evening and has taken up his residence in a bungalow at Pedder Road.

HOUSE-BREAKING AND THEFT.—Ganesh Dinker, a Hindu, residing at Bhuleshwar, has reported to the police the theft of gold and silver ornaments of the collective value of Rs. 1,086 from two boxes in his bed room. The entrance into the house was effected by removing two bars of a window, and the boxes which contained ornaments of the value of Rs. 2,124 were removed. On enquiries the boxes with ornaments of the value of Rs. 1,033 were found near the house next morning.

MUSIC AT THE BANDSTAND:—By kind permission of Captain Codrington the Band of the 23rd Bombay Rifles will play the following programme of music under the direction of Mr. M. Fiedlils. Bandmaster, commencing at 5-4 p.m. to day:—

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Selection	Casino Girl ... Englander
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Intermezzo	Orynthia ... Hume

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Berbera, per transport s. s. Islands, will be closed at the General Post Office at 8 a. m. to-day.—Mails for Lamu, Mombasa, Ibo, Chinde, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Tanga, Mozambique, Beira, and Delagoa Bay, per s.s. Safari, will be closed at the General Post Office at 8 a. m. to-morrow. Specially superscribed correspondence for Natal, Cape Colony, and other places in South Africa will also be forwarded by this steamer.—Mails for Berbera, per transport s.s. Narkin, will be closed at the General Post Office at 12 noon on Friday, the 16th inst.—Mails for Natal, Cape Colony, Delagoa Bay, and other places in South Africa, per extra s.s. Pargola, via Tuticorin and Colombo, will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p.m. on the 17th instant.

KILLED BY A TRAM-CAR.—At the J. J. Hospital on Saturday, Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, conducted an inquest relative to the death of Hassanali Ghaikbar, a Mahomedan lad, speaking nine years. The evidence showed that on Thursday last, the deceased who was a beggar was leading another blind beggar along Princess Road, when he was knocked down by a cyclist and fell on the ground. Immediately after a tram-car came up, and before the driver could pull up two of the wheels passed over the deceased's legs. The boy was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital, where it was ascertained that his right thigh had been fractured. He died the next day. The Jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

PERSONATING A POLICEMAN.—At the Esplanade Police Court, on Saturday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Paterson charged Sona Mora, a Hindu, with personating a policeman. It appeared from the evidence that last night the accused asked a hack victoria driver at Pydhonie to take his gharry to a stand. He said he was a policeman, and would bring him into trouble if he did not pay him four annas. The accused said he was under the influence of liquor at the time and did not know what he did. Mr. Paterson informed the Court that several instances of the kind had occurred during the last fortnight. His Worship sentenced the accused to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

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TROPICAL ADMINISTRATION.

MR. ALLEYNE IRELAND, an authority on tropical economics, is contributing to the "Times" some instructive studies of administration in the tropics. British North Borneo and Hongkong are dealt with in the files to hand by last mail. The former possession and its administration have been severely criticised from time to time, and Mr. Ireland joins in their condemnation. The Company appears to him to have signally failed in its attempts to formulate a sound financial policy, and thus far it seems to have been scarcely more successful in its plans for the development of the country. The condition of the country has been unfavourably compared with that of the neighbouring territory under Raja Brooke. Yet there is no portion of the British Empire in the tropics which has been endowed in a higher degree by nature with those things which, under the intelligent activity of man, spell wealth and success than British North Borneo. It has a rich soil and ample rainfall, a diversified surface of open plain and sheltered valley, a long coastline, fine rivers, good harbours, and a climate no worse than that of the Malay peninsula. From the administrative point of view the country is known to be full of possibilities. The native population is small, the opposition to Government is no longer of a serious nature; there is no frontier question, and above all, the administration is, for all practical purposes, absolutely independent alike of arbitrary interference from outside and from that more insidious evil of the tropics, the divided counsels of an elected legislature. The indictment against the Company includes many counts, among them that they seek to govern from Leadenhall-street instead of at Sandakan, though they have a capable administrator there in Mr. E. W. Birch; that they have attempted to secure interest on the paid-up capital of the company by means of raising a surplus revenue from taxation, and without embarking upon commercial enterprises in a country which might be expected to return a legitimate trade profit; that they have mismanaged immigration; and that they have neglected to develop the resources of the country by omitting to carry out works of public utility for providing the means of internal communication. In short after twenty years of the Company's rule British North Borneo cannot boast twenty miles of good roads, and with the exception of a rare visit from a steam launch, river communication is what it was under the Sultans.

To the credit of the Company, however, it is recorded that it has spent about two thousand pounds on the construction of a railway on the West Coast and about fifty thousand pounds on a telegraph line connecting Sandakan with the cable station of the Eastern Extension Company at Labuan. It is of little use however. But the main idea of the company appeared to have been to get the British Government to buy out its interests and to make money thereby. In its own interests and those of the people the best course to adopt is to give the Governor a free hand, for five years, unhampered by the cry for dividends. He would develop resources and internal communications, and the shareholders would profit more materially than by any arrangement they could make at the expense of Government. The management of British North Borneo has been a failure not because of defects of local administration, but to an entirely mistaken policy on the part of the directors, a policy which has been wrong whether the motive behind it has been genuine development of the country or merely decking it forth as an attractive object for sale. Mr. Ireland does the Company a service in reminding it of its duty, and assuring it that if it will seriously face the situation there is no possible doubt that for British North Borneo there is a brilliant future and for the shareholders a splendid reward on their investment. The idea that the British Government would ever take over the country at a price satisfactory to the shareholders, unless real financial independence had been achieved, had better be abandoned once and for all, and attention at once turned to the construction of roads, the purchase of small steamers, the encouragement of immigration, and the fostering of new industries; grants of land should no longer be given without adequate guarantee that cultivation is to follow within reasonable time, but with such guarantee grants should be made generously. That is Mr. Ireland's prescription, and he is not alone in recommending its adoption. The Company at its annual gatherings makes believe to have achieved great things, but stripped of the florid details they there acquire the facts are as Mr. Ireland states them—very far from creditable.

As regards Hongkong, it will come somewhat as a surprise to many people to hear that when it has been said that the British officials there do not steal public money; that justice is administered honestly; that life and property are as secure in the Colony as they are in London; that the two or three of the Government Departments are well managed, the Harbour Department and the Medical Department conspicuously so; and that the Civil Service of the Colony contains a number of men of high qualifications who fail to be useful servants only because in Hongkong, as in some other places in the British Empire, it is considered the worst of bad form to be interested in one's work, the most ardent admirer of British rule finds himself at a loss to discover much else in the administration of Hongkong of which he can speak well. This he attributes in great measure to an heritage of disorder and lack of system. The Government Offices are insufficiently large, the clerical staff incapable. The Hongkong Post Office and Supreme Court are housed in the most wretched building ever dignified with the name of a Government Office, and the Colonial Secretary's Department, the Public Works Department, and Registrar General's Offices are little better off. New offices are to be built, and it is hoped that simultaneously a more vigorous spirit will be infused into the administration. To Mr. Ireland the general condition of the administration of Hongkong suggests a step, the advisability of which, he thinks, cannot have failed to impress itself on the minds of all those who are familiar with Crown Colony Government, the appointment as servants of the Colonial Government of two or Inspectors of Colonies. He would have them visit in rotation all the Crown Colonies and those of similar type like British Guiana and Jamaica, and investigate the work of the local officials. Some of those who now have a fairly easy time would find themselves in a much better condition of health as the result of increased activity; it would also be better for the Colony. At the same time it must be remembered that, somehow or other, despite official indifference, that there is scarcely any place in the world which can show such a record of progress during the past half century, and the success of the colony can be held up as a reply full of eloquent silence to any criticism of Government or its servants. Yet Mr. Ireland reiterates the fact that the commercial activity of Hongkong has always rested on external causes operating in such a way as to be unaffected by the course of internal administration.

THE CAUSE OF SLEEPING SICKNESS

THE most recent investigations regarding the cause of sleeping sickness have brought to light some facts of a rather disquieting nature, as they tend to show that the organism now considered to be the cause of this disease is closely allied to, if not actually identical with, an organism already present in India. There seems at first sight to be no possible connection between the tse tse fly disease of Africa, the horse disease known in India as Surra, and sleeping sickness; yet the fact has now been established that organisms resembling each other so closely that it is not yet certain they are not one and the same organism, are present in, and believed to be the cause of, all three diseases. That the bite of the tse-tse fly is the cause of a very fatal disease in horses in tropical Africa has been known for generations, but it was not recognised until comparatively recently that the disease is actually due to a minute animal parasite, and that the fly merely acts as a transmitter of this parasite from infected to non-infected animals. The disease produced in horses is known in Africa as Nagana, and the organism is called a trypanasome. Until a few months ago it was thought that trypanosomes were confined to horses and some other of the lower animals, but last year these organisms were discovered in the blood of a human being living in West Africa, in whom they had produced a disease, characterised mainly by fever and enlargement of the spleen which has been named trypanosomiasis. Since then several cases of this disease have been found in Africa, and two observers have reported cases of disease in India, which bear a suspicious resemblance to trypanosomiasis. When the trypanosomes were first found in man it was not suspected that they had anything to do with sleeping sickness, as trypanosomiasis and sleeping sickness do not resemble each other in any way; but this year Dr. Castellani who discovered the vegetable organism which was at first thought to be the cause of sleeping sickness, and whose attention had been drawn to the discovery of trypanosomes in human beings on the West Coast of Africa found similar organisms in cases of sleeping sickness in Uganda, not merely in the blood—to which they are apparently confined in cases of ordinary trypanosomiasis, but also in the fluid which bathes the brain and spinal cord. As all the symptoms of sleeping sickness point to the disease being one in which the nervous system is primarily involved, the discovery seemed of sufficient importance to warrant further investigation. The results of this investigation were such as to convince Dr. Castellani that the trypanosomes in the cerebro-spinal were the cause of sleeping sickness. Other observers have confirmed his observations and have arrived at the same conclusion. It is also a point in favour of his theory that the disease is found in Uganda in just such places as those in which the tse-tse fly, the carrier of the trypanosome, is commonly found. So far then the investigations of different observers have shown that the tse-tse fly disease of Africa is due to a trypanosome, that a similar trypanosome invades the blood of human beings living in the tse-tse fly country and causes merely fever and enlargement of the spleen when it is confined to the blood stream, but is the apparent cause of sleeping sickness when it succeeds in invading the brain and spinal cord. It is also known that a disease in horses corresponding to the fly disease of Africa and due to a precisely similar parasite is present in India, and it is suspected that the human trypanosome is also in the country. Many points yet require to be cleared up before it can be said to be definitely proved that sleeping sickness is caused by a trypanosome, but it is hoped the commission now on its way back to England from East Africa will be able to give a definite verdict on this point and the presence of trypanosomes in this country will cause that verdict to be looked for with some anxiety.

A NEW AIRSHIP'S TRIAL.

JUDGING from the result of the recent attempt made by Mr Stanley Spencer to "round" St. Paul's, starting from and returning to the Crystal Palace in his new airship time alone seems wanting to the gradual perfecting of the means of aerial locomotion. The vessel which has just demonstrated its powers, is shaped something like a cigar, blunt forward and tapering to the rear. It has a gas-holder of unusual size, having a capacity of 30,000 cubic feet of hydrogen gas. The machinery is supported by a stout but light frame of bamboo jointed with aluminium, and the motor, which only weighs 350 lbs., gives 24 horse-power. The sail rudder at the stern, which is 15 feet square, is controlled by ropes, in the same way as in a boat; and in the bows is the red-painted wooden propeller or "tractor" which forces the ship through the air. Enough petrol is carried for a journey of 200 miles. The airships made the easterly passage easily enough, but when it was sought to get her to round the Cathedral difficulty was experienced. Although Mr. Stanley Spencer tried to make the best of his mechanical appliances he never succeeded in bringing the bow of his vessel westward of the face of the Cathedral. Mr. Spencer's brother accounts for this by asserting that after reaching St. Paul's he met a strong current of air, against which he found it impossible to make progress. He had, consequently, to sail or drift, practically, with the wind in a northerly direction, alighting finally at Barnet. Mr. Spencer has made no statement himself, and the impression formed by the experts is that neither the condition nor the direction of the wind compelled Mr. Spencer to abandon the idea of returning to the Palace, but that the sail northward was rendered necessary by some weakness in the petrol engines. Whatever the cause the trial demonstrated the feasibility of perfecting this form of locomotion in the near future.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION IN HYDERABAD.

A FEW days ago we commented upon the progress that has been made in respect of education in the Central Provinces, and were able to point to a considerable amount of improvement during the past official year. The report on the progress of public instruction in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the same period tells a very different story. The year, says the Director of Public Instruction, was unfavourable to the cause of education. This was due to unseasonable rains in the month of December and to the prevalence of plague. Another remarkable feature which contributed to a falling off in the attendance at the schools was an exceptionally large number of marriages. There was an increase of 28 in the number of schools, which would be fairly satisfactory but for the fact that the increase in the attendance roll was comparatively insignificant, only amounting to 544. Last year a rule was issued allowing only three standards to be taught in schools which possess only one teacher. This new arrangement is stated to have contributed very much to increased efficiency in the lowest class of schools, and the opinion is very strongly expressed that it would be a mistake to go back to the old system. As already mentioned there was an increase in the number of schools. This numbered 28, the total number of institutions now amounting to 1,178. The improvement occurred in respect of aided schools which increased by no less than 54. The number of Government and Municipal institutions decreased. There were no very remarkable developments during the year. The teaching staffs on the whole appear to have accomplished a creditable amount of good work. They were, however, seriously handicapped in their endeavours by the presence of plague and the other adverse influence which have been mentioned, and there is no doubt that the present year, which has been brought with more satisfactory circumstances, will be productive of better results.

A "BOMBAY Government Gazette Extraordinary" published on Saturday contains the draft of rules proposed to be made under the recently passed Bombay Land Record of Rights Act. The draft will be considered by the Governor in Council on or after the 9th November and any objections or suggestions in respect of the draft rules received before that date will be considered.

THE flagship Hyacinth with the Argonaut, Fox Perseus and Pomone, is expected at Bombay about the 27th instant. Thence they will go on to Karachi to be in readiness for the Viceregal trip to the Persian Gulf.

THE question of the future administration of the Simla Municipality is now before the Punjab Government.

THE details are now being worked out of the scheme for setting up an Agricultural Research Institute at Pusa.

MR. CHICHELEY PLOWDEN from Lahore will succeed Mr. Mitchell as District Superintendent of Police, Simla, at the end of the year.

AMONGST the passengers who arrived in Bombay on Saturday, by the P. and O. Co's Mail steamer Peninsular, from England, were:—Major-General Sir Pretyman and Lady Pretyman.

AN examination of the condition of the Hindustan Tibet Road up to the Tibetan frontier is about to be made, with a view to ensuring the permanent practicability of the road as a trade route.

THE Indian Marine has now taken up sixteen transports altogether for the service of the Somaliland expedition. Some of these have already gone, and the remainder will be despatched shortly.

IT appears probable that the name of the gentleman who is in view to succeed Sir Walter Lawrence as Private Secretary to the Viceroy will not be mentioned before the end of the year.

UNDER directions from the Government of India wholesale reductions are being worked out under various heads in the estimates of the cost of transferring the summer headquarters of the Punjab Government from Simla to Dalhousie.

THE Ancient Monuments Bill, which is to arm the Government with legal powers to conserve archæological relics in the case of neglect by private owners, will probably be introduced in the Imperial Legislative Council before the close of the Simla Session.

THE buildings for the new Government Agricultural College and Institute at Pusa, Bengal, are to be commenced without delay. They are to be of considerable size, their total cost being from five to six lakhs of rupees.

MR. GRANT BURLS head of the India Office, Stores Department, is now at Simla, where he is consulting with the Government of India on the subject of the improvement of the system of placing orders for Government stores.

A CHANCE is open to any officer who can speak Chinese and is at the same time a good judge of a mule. The Government is in need of mules and believes that they are forthcoming in Yunnan, but at present it has not found the officers to do its purchasing. An opportunity therefore awaits any officer who combines with the necessary qualification, a desire to visit the Chinese frontier.

AT Musbury, a village near Axminster, Mr. William Row planted an ordinary winter cattle-bean last year, which has produced no fewer than 660 beans. After this, it will no longer be necessary to ask how many beans make five.

FLORENCE OF THE MEDICIS.

AUTRES TEMPS AUTRES MŒURS.

XVIII.

IF the Duke played the despot his satellites and minions did none the less. The Hungarian beats a citizen to death in the piazza in broad day. Ser Maurizio kills another in his anger before the Eight. Both go unpunished. What befell Mozzi Sacchetti would be incredible were it not attested to by all historians. To attract the Duke who had grown cold she had recourse to a love-potion given to her by a sorceress. She took the Duke's cup bearer into her confidence. He duly reported to Giomo, and he to the Duke. As she was coming out of her house one day, she was set upon, muffled and carried away by force. Disrobed, she was flogged in the Duke's stable by Giomo and the Hungarian, till her delicate flesh were torn. They wanted her to say that Filippo and her sons had prompted her to poison the Duke. But she would not, despite all torture. With limbs lacerated, they sent her home a wreck in a dung-cart. After this what security was there? none even for Michael Angelo.

MICHAEL ANGELO, DANTE, AND GIOTTO

are three inseparable men and names. The first loved and venerated the second. He knew by heart entire cantos of the Divine Comedy, the most inspired work of human genius, the mortal effort of concentrated knowledge and passion, which nobody was born to turn to better account than he. The new spirit inspired in intellectual life passed from poetry to painting to regenerate Italy. Unknown perspectives were opened to the eye on the heights as in the abyssis of existence. The poet in his study, summons to his tribunal the past and the present. The figures he evokes—in visions of Hell, Purgatory, and Paradise—are judged in the fiery Court of his genius, and his judgments are as imperishable as the marks of thunderbolt on a rock. Giotto reproduces on the walls of a chapel in Florence the image of young Alighieri. Three immortal verses in the Purgatory acquit the poet's debt. Later on the poet and the painter meet at Padua. Giotto recoils frightened at the emaciated, dried-up face that we know, engraved on brass medals. One day while at work Giotto falls asleep. He sees in a dream the spirit of Dante, showing him how and in what his personages must be sketched and painted. This may be a legend. The spirit of Dante is the breath of poetry which is to animate and transfigure the whole of Italy. At Florence as at Siena everywhere are the mystic epopee represented in marvellous frescoes on the walls of convents, of chapels, and of burial grounds. Dante's grand figure inspires Raphael. See his Parnassus and the Dispute. But he literally impregnates Angelo's mind.

"Caron dimonii con occhi di bragia."
"Loro accenando tutte le race ghie."
"Batte col remon qualunque adagia."

(The demon charm with eyes of burning coal, collects them all beckoning, and strikes with oar whoever lags.) "The day that Italian Art ceases to march with Dante will it cease to be," said a great painter. The Florentines wished to bring back the ashes of the illustrious exile, and a petition was addressed to the Pope under which Angelo wrote: "I join my prayer with that of the public, and bind myself to construct to the divine poet in a place of honour a monument worthy of him." The effort proved fruitless. The precious remains could not be found. The excavations at Ravenna yielded nothing.

THE ECCENTRICITIES OF MICHEL ANGELO.

Pope Clement VII held him in extraordinary favour. The artist worked before the Pontiff covered and only went to the Vatican when he willed. The Pope ventured rarely to visit the painter. One day to give himself a foretaste of his work he glided into the atelier with furtive steps. An elo hid from the august visitor, let down as it were inadvertently a plank from his scaffolding which might have killed him. Violating the mystery of the birth of a work of art was in his opinion a crime. Had he not invented a hat, a kind of lighthouse to be able to work of nights. Like the court fool's cap and bells, he fastened to his hat a lamp. Vasari tells how he surprised him once in this accoutrement. But the intruder had to pay for his curiosity. At the first step the glow-worm bears grate on the sand he puts out his light. So did Angelo the light on his cap. And he and Vasari stood still in a dark chamber. If Philosophy had a Cynic in Diogenes Art had one in Angelo. Though generous he was rough in speech. Defects were as clear to him as day-light. "Your marble representing Pity is a real pity," said he to a sculptor. Speaking to the son of Francesco Francia, a beautiful youth, he charged him with this amiable message, "Go tell your father from me that he begets better children than paintings." Of Titian? "He is a real colorist, but what a pity he cannot draw." Prompt in satire, he was prompt in praise too. "These gates are worthy of being the gates of Paradise," said he when he saw Ghiberti's master-piece. But his frankness spared nobody. Being asked when the Sepulchre of H. E. the Duke's father would be completed, he replied, "When the certificate of his Excellency's birth will be shown me."

DEATH OF LUISA STROZZI.

Filippo sent an urgent order to his family to leave Florence, and to await his wishes in Romagna. The morning they went in a body to take leave of the Duke the news had got abroad, and many a one made room for them in the crowd as they passed. The citizens were universally displeased. They regarded the Strozzi as a rampart to resist the violence of Alexander. His last attempt on Luisa had been that of a night thief, but that too had miscarried. Irritated beyond measure he was bent on her destruction; and had her poisoned as all historians affirm, though Varchi imputes the poison to the family itself to save her from his clutches. She had been overnight to dinner at her Sister Ridolfi's, and ere morning had dawned was attacked by a violent illness which carried her off. The poet is right when he exclaims—

"Mane discioltadal corporeo velo,
"La bell'alma non aforse in grembo a Dio
"Al mortall ter sempre e chiuso il cielo."

(But if her beautiful soul did not go into the bosom of God severed from its corporeal veil, Heaven would be shut for ever to mortals.) Pure as Luisa herself, her soul, a dew drop "slipped into the shining sea."

THE DUKE'S FINAL EXIT.

Ser Maurizio having failed to secure Francesco Nasi, whom the Duke wanted to arrest, the latter was so enraged that he very nearly ordered him the rack, when the other, trembling in all his limbs, said "After so many services rendered." "Services you arch buffoon, you magnify your duties into services. If you do not find the man within twenty-four hours, I shall have you hung by the feet to the iron bars of the Palace." Thus saying he turned his back upon him. Feeling all the force of such an insult the Chancellor mechanically went down the first three steps of the Palace stairs, when his foot getting entangled in the hem of his tucco, he stumbled headlong the whole flight, with such impetus that he fractured his jaws and his right shoulder, and his chest struck forcibly against the stone of the landing. For a few moments he was stunned and could not utter a shriek, but when he did it was so terrific that the guards on duty were alarmed, and when they ran to whence it came found blood flowing from his mouth. The Duke sent Giomo to express his regret. "Go tell thy master, said he, that I am going to Hell for his sake and shall expect him there shortly." Giomo delivered the first part of the message. The Duke with a satanic smile said: "Go and tell him to pass on merrily there as I pay for him." And the Duke did follow him not long after. Luisa poisoned, he had set his heart on Catherine Ginori, the aunt of Lorenzaccio, whom he hoped to win through him. This favourite chum of his who feigned to be afraid of handling a weapon was roused into action, and, under pretence of leading Catherine to the Duke, murdered him with the help of one Scronconcolo in 1537.

PESTANJI DORABJI KHANDALAVALA.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

BULGARIA INVADED BY TURKS.

VILLAGE PLUNDERED.

LONDON, OCTOBER 9.

Diplomatic circles at Constantinople are convinced that war has now been averted for the present year.

LONDON, OCTOBER 10.

A Turkish battalion in broad daylight on the 8th instant crossed the Bulgarian frontier near Kustendil, attacked a blockhouse, and plundered a village. They withdrew on the approach of the Bulgarian troops with a loss of three killed. The Bulgarians had one wounded.

LONDON, OCTOBER 11.

The Turks have almost concluded their military operations in the Monastir district.

The last band numbering 93 were annihilated on the 6th instant after a desperate fight. The band was strongly posted on a precipitous ridge and fought heroically against the Turks who dauntlessly stormed the ridge.

THE FISCAL FIGHT.

MR. RITCHIE AT CROYDON.

SPEECH BY SIR W. WALROND.

THE UNIONIST SPLIT.

LONDON, OCTOBER 10.

Mr. Ritchie addressed his constituents at Croydon last night, and had a mixed reception, being both cheered and hooted, while loud cheers were given for Mr. Chamberlain.

Sir W. H. Walrond, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and ex-Conservative whip, speaking at Tiverton, said that provided Mr. Chamberlain's figures were correct he saw no reason why he should not endorse the further step Mr. Chamberlain proposed.

Mr. E. Hain, Unionist member for St. Ives, has informed his constituents that as a follower of the Duke of Devonshire he was unable longer to support the Government.

COLONIES AND FISCAL REFORM.

FEELING IN AUSTRALIA.

NO SACRIFICES LIKELY.

LONDON, OCTOBER 9.

The Australian comments on Mr. Chamberlain's scheme show that while the Free Traders deprecate the abandonment of Cobden's ideals the Protectionists are not prepared to make any material sacrifices by lowering the duties in favour of England, and there would evidently be a strong disinclination to enter into a compact not mutually and equally advantageous.

A TRANS-ATLANTIC YACHT RACE.

SIR T. LIPTON'S OFFER.

LONDON, OCTOBER 10.

Sir T. Lipton has offered a Cup of the value of 2,500 dollars for a trans-Atlantic yacht race from Sandy Hook to the Needles as a real test of seamanship.

PROGRESS OF MARCONIGRAPHY.

ANOTHER SUCCESS.

Signor Marconi on board the Lucania in Mid-Atlantic has communicated for the first time with England and America simultaneously.

PARLIAMENTARY APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, OCTOBER 9.

Mr. Henry Algernon Percy has been appointed Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Mr. Victor Cavendish Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

LONDON, OCTOBER 10.

It is stated that Mr. Bromley Davenport has been appointed Financial Secretary of the War Office.

LONDON, OCTOBER 11.

The report that Mr. Bromley Davenport had been appointed Financial Secretary to the War Office is confirmed.

THE SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

LONDON, OCTOBER 9.

Colonel Fasken has been appointed to command a brigade in Somaliland and Colonel Swann has been appointed to take charge of the line of communications.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH AGREEMENT.

LIMITATIONS OF THE TREATY.

It is confirmed that the main lines of the Anglo-French arbitration agreement have been settled, but it is still not determined what questions will be arbitrated. Anyhow it only applies to future controversies.

LONDON, OCTOBER 10.

The proposed Anglo-French Arbitration Treaty is not general, and is intended to refer only to differences of a juridical character and especially to the interpretation of existing Treaties, and there are even some restrictions in this respect.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

FRANCE AND MOROCCO.

THE ATTACKS ON CONVOYS.

EXPLANATIONS DEMANDED.

LONDON, OCTOBER 9.

The French Cabinet has announced that it will persevere in the policy in Morocco already announced in the Chambers, but has decided to enrol and arm a body of local mounted infantry to protect the southern frontier from incursions.

Semi-official papers in Paris state that the Sultan of Morocco instigated the recent attacks by the Moors on French convoys and that France has demanded explanations. This seems to imply forthcoming action.

RUSSIAN MANŒUVRES IN THE FAR EAST.

NO EVACUATION OF NIUCHWANG.

Reuter wires from Niuchwang that the Russian Admiral Alexeieff is conducting great joint Naval and Military Manœuvres about Port Arthur, and that ninety war craft are engaged. There are no symptoms of the promised evacuation.

[The last date fixed for the evacuation of Niuchwang was October 8th.]

THE ARMY VETERINARY DEPARTMENT.

LONDON, OCTOBER 11.

An Army Order has been issued which gives the Director-General of the Veterinary Department the rank of Major-General The other officers rank to Colonel.

For the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel fifteen years sevice is required, of which at least three must be spent in India.

The ordinary pay varies, a lieutenant getting 25 pounds yearly and a colonel 35 shillings per day.

THE MAD MULLAH.

The Mullah is reported to be only six miles from Obbia whither the Italian warship Lombardia has proceeded.

THE DUKE OF YORK STAKES.

LONDON, OCTOBER 10.

The following is the result of the race for the Duke of York's Stakes :—

Sceptre	1
Happy Slave	2
* June (sic)	3

(* May be Juno, but no such horse entered for the race.)

THE MAILS.

LONDON, OCTOBER 8

The Bombay mails of the 26th ultimo arrived at Brindsi on the 8th instant.

POLITICAL AGENT, GILGIT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, OCTOBER 9.

In place of the arrangement first announced Captain B. E. M. Gurdon goes as Political Agent to Gilgit, relieving Major Stewart who has been granted fifteen months' leave.

CONSUL-GENERAL AT MESHED.

Major C. F. Minchin has started for Meshed as Consul-General.

INDIAN RAILWAY EARNINGS.

SIMLA, OCTOBER 10

The Indian railway earnings for the first six months of the current official year are just a crore of rupees ahead of those of the corresponding period in 1902. The principal increases are in the North-Western and Great Indian Peninsula system.

THE INDIAN RAINFALL

The rainfall returns for the past week show that the recent heavy falls over Eastern India and Burma have brought the monsoon average to considerably in excess of the normal almost everywhere. The only exception now is the Lahore sub-division which is still 38 per cent. behind.

THE NAGDA-MUTTRA RAILWAY.

The Government of India have sanctioned the survey under the Director of Railway Construction of a broad gauge railway from Nagda via Madhopur and Bhartpore to Muttra.

PILGRIMAGE RESTRICTIONS.

Restrictions are notified on the pilgrimage to the ensuing Pushkar fair at Ajmere.

A MAN named Franklin Casey has been arrested at Meadville, Pa., on a charge of stealing nine sets of false teeth from the houses of as many l dies in the town. He ignored all other articles of value.

KORAPER KORAVAN and four others were tried by the Sessions Judge of Coimbatore for dacoity in the house of one Bomma Naick at about midnight on the 24th May last, and removal of property worth about Rs. 500. The dacoits had guns and torches. The jury found them guilty. The Judge accepted this verdict as regards accused 2 to 5 and referred the case of the first accused to the High Court as he considered that there was absolutely no evidence whatever to sustain it. Their Lordships Mr. Justice Boddam and Justice Sir V. Bhashyam Iyengar convicted the first accused and sentenced him to seven years' hard labour.

THE POONA AND KIRKEE. HUNT.

ANNUAL DINNER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, OCTOBER 11.

The annual dinner of the Poona and Kirkee Hunt was held at the Gymkhana Club last night when covers were laid for 38 persons, amongst whom were Sir Robert Low, Colonels Kettlewell, Sheringham, Bull, Vyvyan, and Lucas, Majors E. P. England, P. England, Strange, Geddes, and Foster, Captains Gresson, Sandys, Balmain, and Hewlett, Messrs. Armstrong, Howard-Smith, Graham, Tod, Lucas, Younghusband, Enthoven, Fawcett, Creagh, Hume-Henderson, Mugovan, and Slacke, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Younghusband, Miss Martin, Mrs. Fawcett, Miss F. Low, Mrs. Strange, Mrs. Hallett, and Miss Low. The string band of the Hyderabad Contingent was present. Several toasts were given during the evening. The first of these, after that of the King, was that of the ladies proposed by Mr. Lucas, who, in doing so, commended them for keenness with which they had followed the Hunt. Several ladies had been known to leave the ball early recently in order that they might be able to be up in time to meet Colonel Sheringham. Colonel Bull briefly responded on behalf of the ladies, complimenting them on the way in which they had held their own during the season that had just passed.

Mr. Lucas next proposed the health of Colonel Sheringham, the guest of the evening When he took up the duties of the chairman of the Committee some two months ago, he said he thought he would have to perform certain duties, but up to the present they had only been of a convivial kind. There were various disposition which led the people to hunt. Some went out to enjoy the gallop, some to see the hounds work, some, perhaps, to do both, but he could say, nevertheless, that the season they had just closed had been a splendid one. Those that had wanted a good gallop had been able to get it, and had been able too to get in good time for breakfast. Even in the best packs in England he had never seen hounds work better than he did with Colonel Shering am, and he felt sure every one present will join in thanking Colonel Sheringham and Colonel Armstrong for the valuable help afforded. Therefore, he asked the ladies and gentlemen present to join in wishing prosperity to the Poona and Kirkee Foxhounds, coupled with the names of Colonel Sheringham and Colonel Armstrong. (Applause and musical honours.)

Colonel Sheringham then rose and said: He would much rather be on the horse than making a speech, but he wished to thank all most cordially for the kind compliments paid to the Poona and Kirkee Foxhounds. He praised the first and the second whips for good work done. He had taken 13 1-2 couples of Poona-bred hound to Singhur and brought back 8 1-2 couples. To these, at different times were added 22 couples of hounds brought out from Home, out of which 7 died. He came from Singhur on May and started cub hunting, and regular hunting a month later. The kills of the season had 17 brace, and 2 1-2 brace during cub hunting. Owing to good rainy season the Hunt had much better runs, scent was good, and it was difficult to find. Crops were high.

Colonel Bull proposed the health of Sir Robert Low, and said he had been closely connected with the Poona and Kirkee Foxhounds. Ever since he and Misses Low came to Poona they had taken a keen interest. They will miss them when they left Poona.

Sir Robert Low, in returning thanks, spoke of the excellent climate of Poona, which resembled that of England during the rains, and with the adjunct of good hunt such as it had it deserved to be better known. The year which had just closed had been the best in this experience. The room in which he slept was just below one in which the Hunt was started — (laughter)—and regularly at four on Thursday and Sunday mornings the work began. Later, there were point-to-point races ending in a close finish at the bottom of the stairs. (Laughter.) Then later the Hunt came back to breakfast. Sometimes they heard more marvellous accounts of what had been done, and if, as happened sometimes during the season, the brush came into his house the meet on these occasions had always been severe one indeed. (Laughter.) He had doubts especially as horses did not appear to have suffered much. They had enjoyed a splendid season largely owing to the care of the Master, Colonel Sheringham. (Applause). In conclusion, he wished the Hunt every success.

RECRUDESCENCE OF PLAGUE AT POONA.

POONA, OCTOBER 11.

Plague made its appearance once more in Poona. There are every day a few indigenous cases occurring in the city.

RAILWAY CONFERENCE AT SIMLA.

The Simla Railway Conference which was to assemble at Simla to-morrow has been postponed till the 26th instant.

G. I. P. R. VOLUNTEERS.

ANNUAL CAMP.

The annual G. I. P. R. Volunteer Camp of Exercise will be held at Mudmar from the 10th to the 18th November.

A RIDING ACCIDENT.

Mr. Wenden, the Agent, G. I. P. Railway, while riding out yesterday morning, was accidentally thrown by his horse shying at a dog. Mr. Wenden was picked up and was conveyed home in a carriage by Mrs. Wenden. He sustained no fractures but received a severe sprain of the hip. He is doing well.

WHILE Theophilus Carvillier was entering Tenth-avenue, New York, he was run over by a hearse. He was placed inside the hearse and driven to the Hospital, after which the funeral proceeded.

SIR WILLIAM RICHMOND, R.A., speaking in Sheffield criticised the design of motor-cars and appealed to manufacturers to produce something more beautiful.

The big manœuvres, which are to be held in the Punjab Command near Attock in December, happen to conflict in point of time with the Meerut meeting. This would mean that a large number of regiments in the Punjab Command would be entirely deprived of the privilege of participating in the rifle meeting of Northern India. To prevent this hardship the Commander-in-Chief has thoughtfully issued special orders that intending competitors at Meerut belonging to Corps detailed for the manœuvres are to be granted leave from their Corps for the purpose up to the maximum of twelve of all ranks.

THE LATE TAI MAHARAJ'S ESTATE.

MR. TILAK'S APPLICATION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, OCTOBER 10.

Following upon the death of Tai Maharaj, which occurred on the 30th ultimo, Mr. Tilak, as one of the Trustees of the late Baba Maharaj, made an application to Mr. Lucas, District Judge, in which he made the following representations :—That the deceased Tai Maharaj had adopted two sons of whom, Juggernath, is a minor, and the second is Bala Maharaj. But a suit is pending in the 1st Class Subordinate Judge's Court at Poona in which the adoption is in dispute. That Mr. Tilak, conjointly with two other trustees, is the manager of the property of the deceased Baba Maharaj by his will ; but that disputes having arisen between the petitioners on the one side and the deceased Tai Maharaj and Nagpurkar, the fourth trustee, on the other, the petitioners are not willing to take charge of the property ; that Tai Maharaj had no property of her own ; that she was not competent to make any will regarding the property of her deceased husband ; and that it is detrimental to the interests of her first adopted son, Juggernath, to allow the property to remain with the opponent, Bala Maharaj, the other adopted son, or any one on his behalf.

On the same day the Judge passed an order directing the Nazar of the District Court to take charge of the moveable property lately in possession of the deceased Tai Maharaj and in the wada, with directions to prepare an inventory of the property until further orders. A notice was also served upon Bala Maharaj to show cause against Mr. Tilak's application.

This matter came on for hearing to-day in chambers, when Mr. B. Vaidya, pleader, appeared for Mr. Tilak and Mr. Bahulikar, pleader, appeared for Bala Maharaj, the opponent. Mr. Bahulikar contended that the application of Mr. Tilak could not be maintained on the ground that Act XIX of 1841 did not apply to this case, and that under Sections 3 and 4 of that Act the Judge should pass an order after holding a preliminary enquiry and recording evidence. The order previously passed ought to be cancelled as it is illegal. Shri Baba Maharaj died on the 7th August, 1897. A son was born to him and the estate belonged to him, and Tai Maharaj became owner of the estate as his heir and mother. After Tai Maharaj's death the opponent Bala Maharaj was her legal heir. At the most Tai Maharaj's daughter, Shantaka, would be the heir. The petitioners are not in any way concerned with the estate, and they were not competent to make the application they had made, which was time barred. If the petitioners alleged that their petition is as regards Tai Maharaj, she made a will before her death and gave the opponent ownership, and so under Section 15 the Court had no jurisdiction, and the petition must be rejected. As Tai Maharaj had adopted Juggernath with the sanction of the Kolhapur Durbar the Regulation VIII of 1827 would not apply to the case. The deceased Tai Maharaj acknowledged the adopted son Bala Maharaj in several places and got his name entered to all the estates in the Kolhapur State. She also wrote to have his name registered for property in British India, and lastly, had made a will. The opponent Bala Maharaj was in possession for upwards of two years and so the application could not lie. Tai Maharaj did not adopt a boy from Aurungabad and she did not acknowledge him. She adopted Bala Maharaj and she acknowledged this fact. She made a will, and the possession of the estate is with Bala Maharaj. The petitioner filed a suit in the Subordinate Judge's Court concerning the adoption of Juganath, and an application for the appointment of a receiver is pending. The opponent Bala Maharaj had not misappropriated the estate and had no intention of doing so. The Nazar had acted illegally, beyond the order of the court, and had caused the opponent great inconvenience. Arrangements should be made to direct the Nazar to have no concern with the opponent.

After arguments had been heard on both sides the Judge promised to pass an order on Monday.

THE BASAPPA CHETTY ESTATE CASE.

PERMISSION TO APPEAL TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

BANGALORE, OCTOBER 11.

In the court of the Hon'ble the British Resident, Sir Donald Robertson, sitting for the last time before vacating his office, an application came in connection with the well known Bassapa Chetty Estate ase for permission to appeal to the Privy Council, but as Mr Short for the petitioner was unable to attend from Madras the matter was left over for Sir Donald's successor to deal with it. Mr. Lubeck, the Advocate, who was concerned in the same litigation, then applied for the deletion of the strictures against him in the Lower Court's judgment in that case, but as the matter was likely to be of controversial nature, requiring fresh investigation of the circumstances, the court decided to leave such a closely connected case also for the disposal by its successor.

SIR DONALD ROBERTSON'S RETIREMENT.

The Public Prosecutor, then in the name of the Bangalore Bar, whose members were present in force, expressed regret at his Honor's approaching departure, and thanked him for his invariable courtesy and patience with them during his seven years' service in Mysore. Mr. Lawrence also said that they were proud to feel that the principles of Sir Donald's notable judgment in the cases concerning the jurisdiction of the local High Court over foreigners in the assigned tract of Bangalore had been adopted by other High Courts in similar cases.

Sir Donald, in reply, expressed gratification, and said that his labours and anxieties in Bangalore would have been considerable, but for such a competent bar as he had found here he had never known the slightest friction among them, and thanked them for the valuable legal assistance they had always given him.

FAREWELL ENTERTAINMENTS FOR SIR DONALD ROBERTSON.

Last night the members of the Bangalore Social Club gave a great farewell entertainment to Sir Donald and Lady Robertson.

On Wednesday the Military take leave at a suitable farewell function to be given in the Lal Bagh. On Thursday the Mysore officers give a big dinner at the Club, and on Saturday the Dewan of Mysore gives a farewell ball at his residence, all being private functions more or less. Sir Donald leaves on October 24th.

CRICKET IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY GYMKHANA vs. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

THIS match was played on the Bombay Gymkhana grounds on Saturday afternoon. The following are the scores :—

P. W. D.

Mr C Stanley, l-b-w, b Stileman	7
Mr Cassells, b Stileman	57
Mr W Hogan, b Stileman	1
Mr R Hogan b McDonald	2
Mr Seervai, b Coombs	5
Mr J Stanley, b Coombs	6
Mr Hildreth, b Coombs	2
Mr Oliver, b Stileman	5
Mr Saunders, run out	1
Mr Theodore, not out	2
Mr Madhavrao, l-b-w, b Stileman	1
Extras	15
Total	103

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

Mr Cheetham, l-b-w, b Seervai	10
Mr Scott, c Scott, b Cassells	3
Mr Powell, not out	37
Mr Coombs, b Cassells	1
Mr Manners, b Cassells	0
Mr Stileman, c W Hogan, b Cassells	0
Mr McDonald, b Cassells	6
Mr Gratwick, b Cassells	11
Mr Scott, not out	10
Mr Bosley, Mr Dawson — To bat	
Extras	8
Total	85

RACING AT POONA.

AN EXTRA DAY.

POONA, OCTOBER 10.

THERE was a slight falling off in the attendance at the Extra Day's meeting this afternoon and the sport was not up to the big meeting standard, Some good racing was however witnessed. Details :—

The New Maidan Plate.—Winner Rs. 200, second Rs. 100, third Rs. 50. A handicap for maidan Arabs 14 hands and under (unlisted since 1st July, 1903) Distance 6 furlongs.

Captain the Hon'ble C F Greville's gh Scattercash, 8st 5lbs Hoyt	1
Mr Ebrahim bin Talib's gh Nainsva, 8st Heeroo	2
Messrs A A Saif and G H S Mahomed gh Mooreed, 8st 12lbs Southall	3
Mr F M Garda's bh Koursahib, 8st 5lbs Robinson	0
Mr Abdulla ul Shamlan's ch h Galib, 8st 2lbs O'Neil	0
Mr Artin A Essayie's ch h Deserter, 8st 11b Oomerkhan	0
Mr Rasheed Shamlan's bh Tura of Luck, 8st 11b C B Mahomed	0
Mr Mahomed Bin Talib's bm Jaoza, 8st Noor Mahomed	0
Mr A W P's gh Butler, 7st 11lbs Bennett	0
Mr S A Wahel's bh Salvation, 7st 6lbs Jakeo	0
Mr Mahomed Hajee Ibrahim's bh Bhaiji 6st 10lbs Kamad	0

Betting : 6 to 4 against Scattercash ; 3 to 1 Mooreed ; 4 to 1 Koursaheb ; 6 to 1 each Nainava, Galib and Deserter ; 12 to 1 the others.

The favourite got off well, but fell back nearly last for the first two furlongs. He made up his ground coming into the straight and eventually won easily by three-quarters of a length ; a head between second and third. Time—1 min. 25 secs.

The Pony Consolation Plate.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A handicap for Ponies 14-2 and under which have not won race Poona Big Meeting 1903. Distance—6 furlongs.

Capt F C Stratton's ch g Jolly Roger 8st 3lbs Robinson	1
Mr A W P's bm Min 8st 7lb Lumsdowne	2
Mr Hajibhay Vikram's br m Nautilus 8st 12lbs Kamad	3
Colonel Baring's bh Golightly 8st 13lbs Bond	0
Mr Percy Fischer's bm Key West 8st 2lbs Southall	0
Colonel Rocke's bm g Promfret 8st 3lbs (car 8st 4lbs) Bennett	0

Betting : 5 to 2 against Golightly ; 3 to 1 Min and Nautilus ; 7 to 1 Key West ; 8 to 1 Jolly Roger ; 10 to 1 Promfret.

Nautilus made play from Golightly and Jolly Roger, with Min next. In the straight Min looked to have the race in hand, but Jolly Roger came up and won by half a length ; a length and a half between second and third. Time—1 min. 18 3-5sec.

The Losers' Handicap.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A handicap for Arabs which have not won race Poona Big Meeting 1903. Distance—1 1-4 mile.

Mr A K Amar's bh Turkish Flag II, 7st 12lbs (car 8st 11b) Oomerkhan	1
Captain Dunbar's gh Victory 7st Bennett	2
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's gh Glaston 7st 13lbs Hoyt	3
Mr M Garda's br h Narunjee 8st 7lbs C B Mahomed	0
Mr Loves's ch h Silvermane 8st 3lbs Noormahomed	0
Mr Mustapha bin Talib's gh Chungiz 8st 11b Heeroo	0
Mr Percy Fisher's bh Talisman 7st 9lbs (car 7st 12lbs) Southall	0
Captain Beamish's gh Regret 7st 3lbs Kamad	0
Mr Hon'ble's ch h Salim 5st (car 8st 4lbs) Trahan	0

Betting : 2 to 1 against Turkish Flag ; 5 to 1 Galston ; 6 to 1 Silvermane, Chungiz, Regret and Victory ; 8 to 1 Narunjee and Salim ; 10 to 1 Talisman.

Turkish Flag and Victory raced in front round the bend, the former holding a slight advantage and winning by a neck ; two lengths between second and third. Time—2min. 2sec.

The Autumn Plate.—Winner Rs. 200 2nd Rs 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A handicap for Horses which have not won race value Rs. 3,000 or over since 1st April 1901. Distance—7 furlongs.

Mr Lutchmi Kantharaj Urs' b aus g Gum, 7st 10lbs O'Neil	1
H H Aga Khan's br o g Ayrdale, 8st 9lbs Robinson	2
Mr Wadia's b aus g Planet, 7st 9lbs Hoyt	3
Mr Keleo's b aus g Harpist, 8st 6lbs Oomerkhan	0
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's br aus g Firecracker, 8st 11bs Heeroo	0
Mr Saunder's br aus m Blue Blood, 7st 11lbs (car 7st 11 1-2lbs) Southall	0
Captain J Randall's ch h g De Bernardo, 7st 10lbs Kamal	0
Mr D Scott's br nth am m Ritual, 7st 8lbs (car 7st 9lbs) Bond	0
The Hon'ble Mr A A Apcar's br aus g Sacristan, 7st Bennett	0

Betting : 3 to 1 each against Ayrdale and Sacristan ; 4 to 1 Blue Blood and Harpist ; 6 to 1 Gum ; 7 to 1 Ritual and Planet ; 10 to 1 De Bernardo ; 20 to 1 Firecracker,

Planet and Firecracker raced together for half a mile, when Ayrdale and Gum improved their places, and De Bernardo came on the outside. Gum held a good lead fifty yards from home, but was nearly caught by Ayrdale who lost by half a length ; a length between second and third. Blue Blood was fourth. Time 1min. 31 3-5sec.

The Welter Scurry Plate.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs. 100, 3rd Rs. 50. A Welter handicap for Arabs 14-1 and under. Closed per Special General Conditions. Distance 1-2 mile.

Major Murray and Capt Lloyd's ch h Hamilton, 10st 13lbs Capt Randall	1
Colonel Eccles' b h Rocket, 10st 11lbs Major Edward	2
Colonel Kavanagh's g h Money Spinner, 11st 12lbs Capt Casson	3
Colonel Eccles' b h Sweet William, 9st 7lbs Johnson	0

Betting : Evens Hamilton ; 2 to 1 against Rocket ; 3 to 1 Money Spinner ; 6 to 1 Sweet William.

The favourite made the whole of the running and won by a length and a quarter; two lengths between second and third Time—58sec.

The Small Arab Plate.—Winner Rs. 200, 2nd Rs 100 3rd Rs. 50. A handicap for Arabs 13-3 and under. Distance—5 furlongs.

Mr Percy Fischer's ch h Governor 8st 12lbs Robinson	1
Mr Avasia's g h Farewell 8st 6lbs Southall	2
Messrs A Moshen and M Shamlan's g h Clever Boy 7st 11bs O'Neill	3
Mr Artin A Essayie's b h Malabar 8st 6lbs Oomerkhan	0
Mr C F Cooper's b h Duldul 8st 4lbs Robertson	0
Mr Franklin's g h Firdosi 8st 11b Bennett	0
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's b h Young Taisseer 7st 13lbs Hoyt	0
Aga S Shah's ch h Winchester 7st 2lbs Kamad	0
Mr Ali bin Talib's b h Minting King 7st 8lbs Heeroo	0

Betting : 3 to 1 each against Winchester and Young Taisseer ; 4 to 1 each Governor and Farewell ; 8 to 1 Clever Boy ; 10 to 1 the others.

Farewell made the running to inside the distance, where he was challenged by Governor and a fine race home resulted in victory for Governor by a short head ; half a length between second and third. Time 1 min. 9 4-5 sec.

The Auction Plate.—Winner Rs 200; 2nd Rs100; 3rd Rs 50. A Selling Race for horses which have not won race value Rs 1,500 since 1st April 1901. Horses entered for Rs1,500 to carry 10-0 3lbs for each Rs 100 down to Rs 500. Allowance—Maidens 5lbs; Ponies 14-2 and under 5lbs Landing allowance as per clause 9 of General Conditions. Distance—5 furlongs.

Mr A W P's br aus m Nancy Till, Rs 800 8st 7lbs Lansdowne	1
Mr Percy Fischer's b aus g Dart Rs 700 8st 4lbs Southall	2
Mr Anketell Jones' b aus g Ombree Rs 800 8st 7lbs Robinson	3
Captain J Randall's ch aus g De Wet Rs 1,200 9st 5lbs Captain Randall	0

Betting : 6 to 4 against Ombree ; 2 to 1 against Nancy Till and Dart ; 5 to 1 De Wet.

Ombree led until close home, but was then tackled by Nancy Till and Dart. A fine race home resulted in Nancy winning by a head ; a neck between second and third. Time—1 min 4 1-5 sec.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

In consequence of the renumbering of the Regiments of the Indian Army and other alterations recently approved by Government, the current issue of the quarterly Indian Army List for October will be delayed until next month.

Veterinary Captain T. H. Baldrey is granted eighteen months' leave.

Captain H. A. Ternan, 1st Battalion, The Buffs and Lieutenant R. F. Boyts, have passed an examination in Urdu by the Higher Standard.

Captain E S. Sandys, R.E., A. D. C. to General Sir Robert Low, commanding the Forces, Bombay, has been permitted to revert to the Imperial Establishment.

Lieutenant G. Hutchinson, 132nd Rajputana Infantry (late 22nd Bombay Infantry), has been granted leave out of India for one year on private affairs.

The Chitral Relief marched from Darora to Dir on the 7th instant, all well.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 25.

THE CABINET CRISIS.

THE DELIBERATIONS AT BALMORAL.

Up to the time of writing the vacancies in the Ministry have not been filled up ; at any rate no information has been officially communicated to the public, and it is hardly possible that if the work of reconstruction had been accomplished the news would be withheld a moment longer than was absolutely necessary. Everybody outside a very limited circle is consequently in the dark as to all that has been going on at Balmoral during the past week though there seems to be no doubt that a hitch of some kind has occurred apparently connected with the attempt to induce Lord Milner to join Mr. Balfour's Administration as the successor of Mr. Chamberlain at the Colonial Office. This attempt is in some quarters, with questionable taste, attributed to the initiative of the Sovereign himself, but its origin may be discovered in less exalted quarters. Anyhow it was not until the "Standard" came out with its candid advice to the Prime Minister that the name of Lord Milner cropped up. The leading Conservative organ warned Mr. Balfour against the easy and inglorious course of contenting himself with a mere stop-gap Administration just strong enough to go on with the necessary routine until next Session or the General Election. "It is notorious," the right hon. gentleman was reminded that the Cabinet for some time past has been "deficient in authority and administrative ability." It has included an excess of members "who scarcely rise above a respectable mediocrity." The present situation provides Mr. Balfour with an opportunity of repairing this defect. "If," continued the "Standard" "some of the able men who have gained a great reputation in the service of the Empire, rather than in the conflict of party politics, were introduced, the advantage would be inestimable. To confer Cabinet offices on such statesmen as, for example Lord Cromer and Lord Milner, might be a departure from precedent ; but the country would gain by it, and the Cabinet itself would be substantially strengthened by such an accession of proved capacity and personal talent. It would be an irreparable error to patch up the rents in the Ministerial machine with any material that comes to hand. That would be to ensure defeat when the time comes for an appeal to the country. Mr. Balfour has the chance of making a fresh start By availing himself of the best statesmanship in the Empire he may yet save the situation." This proposal whether immediately approved by Mr. Balfour or not caught the public fancy, and the desirability of putting Lord Milner in charge of the Colonial Office found much acceptance, especially amongst Mr Chamberlain's friends or such of them as honestly wish well to a Government which minus their champion cannot of course be what it was in their eyes before his unexpected and still rather mysterious resignation. As to Lord Cromer the chances of his joining the Cabinet were considered even more remote than the recall of Lord Curzon, as one or two papers rather timidly suggested. Lord Cromer has been so long in Egypt that his presence there has come to be regarded as almost essential in the peculiar circumstances of that country, and there is an idea abroad that like his eminent relative Lord Northbrook he is not in Mr. Chamberlain's camp. In the days when he filled with so much ability the post of Financial Member of Council he was, as we have been reminded, the author of the measure which swept off almost all the import duties —a measure described in the Viceregal Legislative Council as "a Charter of Free Trade for India." That however was a long time ago, and in those days Mr. Chamberlain was preaching the doctrine that "a tax on food would mean a decline in wages" and "would indubitably bring about the loss of that gigantic export trade which the industry and energy of the country, working under conditions of absolute freedom, has been able to create" So far as Lord Milner is concerned the indications to day point to his reluctance to accept the offer which has apparently been made to him. If he has refused it will seem to show that he has faith in Mr Balfour keeping the Government together for some time to come, at any rate long enough to tide over the general election at the Cape upon which event if we are to believe a big type correspondent of the "Times" the actual retention of South Africa may almost be said to depend ! If matters are really so serious as that, Lord Milner's place is evidently in South Africa not in Great Britain. If the general election at home comes soon and ends as it conceivably may, notwithstanding the result of the Rochester Election, in the Liberals returning to power he will be no worse off in South Africa than he will be if he become a member of a doomed Cabinet. It is extremely improbable that he would continue to be High Commissioner in South Africa after the Liberals came into office, although Lord Rosebery, Mr Asquith, and others who cannot be excluded from a Liberal Ministry are still his good friends. The protracted suspense caused by the dilatory proceedings at Balmoral have of course given rise to all sorts of rumours, and the political quidnuncs have not had such a long innings for many a long day. Even the retirement of Mr. Balfour has under certain circumstances been considered as feasible. The idea was that if the Union'st Free Fooders shared the notion that is held universally by Liberal Free Traders that Mr. Chamberlain's resignation is only a "put up job," and that a secret agreement exists between the Prime Minister and the ex-Colonial Secretary, the former might only be kept from forcing on a dissolution by the Duke of Devonshire displacing Mr. Balfour as head of the Government. But the Beachites do not seem to take this view of the situation, though they are waiting until after hearing Mr. Balfour's Sheffield speech before finally deciding upon their future policy. As I am writing, news comes that at an important meeting this afternoon the party led by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach passed a resolution—the contents of which have not yet been made public—with reference to protective taxation of food, and deferred further action pending the anxiously awaited deliverance at Sheffield.

THE KING AND THE SITUATION.

The "Times" this morning, to the surprise of a good many persons, admits to its columns certain telegrams sent to Paris papers from London giving currency to gossip about the supposed action of the King in reference to the reconstruction of the Cabinet. It is true that in its leading article on the situation the "Times" mildly rebukes "our friends across the channel" for troubling themselves about "these perplexing details" which they cannot be expected to understand, but it does not reprove those whose chatter the French correspondents reflect and it republishes the telegrams. One of these was issued by the news agency "Paris Nouvelles" and appears in such important journals as the "Journal" and the "Eclair." The telegram is as follows :—"The event of the day is the unusual share taken by King Edward VII. in the reconstruction of the Cabinet. It now seems certain that the list of the new Ministry submitted by Mr. Balfour at Balmoral which gave Mr. Chamberlain's place to Lord Selborne and Mr. Brodrick's to Mr. Arnold-Forster, was not accepted by the King. This circumstance is all the more interesting as the list had been drawn up by Mr. Balfour in agreement with Mr. Chamberlain, if, indeed, it was not altogether dictated to the Prime inister by the ex-Secretary of State for the Colonies The King is said to have found that the list presented by Mr. Balfour was lacking in prestige. His opposition arose principally in connexion with the Ministry of War. . . . It is remarked in political circles that the intervention of the King in the present crisis is contrary to all constitutional precedents invariably observed since the accession of Queen Victoria." M. Hedeman of the "Matin" who, as I can personally testify, is usually very careful about the statements he makes, says it is confirmed by the reports in certain newspapers that the delay in the reconstitution of the Cabinet is due to the King. He adds :—"There is a persistent report that Mr. Chamberlain, who was never 'persona gratissima' with the King, has lost his Majesty's confidence. It

is worthy of note that this eminent Minister, who, according to his followers, has rendered incalculable services to the country, has not been received in audience by his august master, and has not even been favoured by any Royal letter since his resignation." In this instance M. Hedeman has not shown is accustomed caution. How could Mr. Chamberlain be received in audience when he is either in London or Highbury and his Majesty in Balmoral?

THE FREE TRADE RESIGNATION.

The public at any rate had not long to wait for the official news of the retirement of Lord Baltour of Burleigh (Secretary for Scotland) and the Hon. Arthur Elliot (Secretary to the Treasury). The retirement of these Ministers was a "fait accompli" when that of Mr Ritchie and Lord George Hamilton took place, but etiquette prevented an immediate announcement of their action. In the case of Lord Balfour of Burleigh the delay was owing to his being minister in attendance on the Queen; while Mr. Elliot 'could not with propriety sever his connexion with the Government until after the resignation of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, his superior in the official hierarchy." Although in official rank the least of the four retiring Free Trade Ministers, and perhaps because of that fact, Mr. Elliot is the only one who has broken silence in public on the subject of the resignations. In a letter to one of his leading constituents he states his position with great clearness. "As you know," he writes, "my office was directly connected with the Exchequer, the Treasury being, of course, primarily responsible for the financial policy of the country. To put the matter shortly, I am in complete agreement with the free trade opinions of the late Chancellor of the Exchequer. As a free trader he has felt it impossible any longer to hold office in a Government which is tending steadily towards a policy of protection. Sharing his views, which are those held by every Chancellor of the Exchequer, Conservative or Liberal, for the last half a century, and believing in the great importance, to a country situated like ours, of maintaining free-trade principles, I could not, without entire loss of self-respect have retained my office. Had I done so I should have been quite unworthy to represent the 'ancient and loyal city' in Parliament, and I should have deserved the condemnation of my constituents The time has come when men must make up their minds for or against the policy of taxing foreign imports of food, such as corn, meat, butter, cheese, &c. This though deferred for the moment, will be the ultimate issue, and I believe such a policy would prove injurious to the interests of this country and of the Empire." As regards "retaliation" and "fiscal freedom," he so far agrees with the Prime Minister's pamphlet that he thinks the Government ought to be free to consider every case as it arises on its merits, and to take such action thereupon as it thinks right, subject, of course, to the approval of Parliament. By the way the fact that Mr. Balfour's brochure was issued as a shilling publication—a shilling Shocker irreverent Free Traders call it—and that the Press were forbidden to quote more than a very limited number of words is much and unfavourably commented upon. Who will get the profits? With reference to Mr. Ritchie and Lord George Hamilton a section of their respective constituencies are dissatisfied with them and they are threatened with opposition if they seek re-election. So far as Mr. Ritchie is concerned many Conservatives, especiall of the more pronounced type, would rejoice to hear of Mr. Ritchie's defeat at the polls. The country party have never forgiven him for his local Self-Government Bill which has so greatly interfered with their influence and importance.

LORD GEORGE HAMILTON.

Deep regret is felt in the India Office at the resignation of Lord George Hamilton who attended his last Council meeting on Wednesday and bade farewell to his distinguished advisers. His Lordship has always been a very hard working official, going into all papers submitted to him thoroughly, and, while attentive to the opinions of others, always forming his own conclusions independently. While firm in his opinions there is not a trace of obstinacy in him, and on good cause being shown he is ready to review his decisions, and not only with graciousness but absolute goodwill and heartiness. There is no hauteur or "side" about him of any kind, and he always showed himself the same to every one in the India Office, high or low, a gentleman to gentlemen, without any thought of their rank in the official hierarchy or his own. In all his personal relations he was the "Harrow boy", and the "Exguardsman." As a statesman it is due wholly to his excessive modesty, his almost feminine shrinking from being "en evidence," and from emphasis in any form, that he has never been made more of in the daily and periodical press. But it was Lord George Hamilton, who as first Lord of the Admiralty gave the first really vigorous start to the reconstruction of the Navy, which to-day is regarded by all Continental experts as strong enough to defy the world, and enables us to practically dispense with a regular army save for the garrison of Egypt, the Cape, and India. He has also carried 14 Indian Budgets through the House of Common, a record that will never be broken, and not likely to be ever repeated. His administration of the India Office compares favourably with that of any of his predecessors, and in the exercise of his immense patronage both within the Office and without it he has never been guilty of a family job. He would not even appoint his son a Private Secretary. Little wonder then that his departure from the India Office is regarded with unqualified repinings as for the loss of a long-tried and ever true friend. The office report is that both Lord Balfour of Burleigh and Lord George Hamilton would not have retired had they known that Mr. Chamberlain had already retired. Knowing nothing of Mr. Chamberlain's letter written four days previous to the decisive Cabinet meeting of last week, and Mr. Balfour having overlooked it until the close of that meeting, Lord George Hamilton finding that Mr. Chamberlain was at the meeting resigned at its close. A blunder of that sort is not absolutely impossible, for Cabinet meetings are not at all of the intricate character the outer world supposes But I do not for a moment accept this statement as having even a grain of fact in it Lord George Hamilton has always been a sound and aggressive Cobdenite, and his disapproval of Mr. Chamberlain's differential tariff proposals has all along been decisive and uncompromising, and his resignation was discounted in the House from the first, and was indeed inevitable. Now that it is an accomplished fact it will be accepted in some quarters at all events as an omen of the failure of Mr. Chamberlain's schemes. Lord George is known at the Carlton and the House as one of the best of political prophets in forecasting the effects of a given policy on the country, and the results at the polls of a general election. Over and over again he has predicted with the closest approximation to exactitude the very figure to the units of the majority on one side or the other, and he has always correctly set forth his reasons for the view taken by him. This is a matter of personal knowledge for the last four General Elections. It is an open saying at the India Office. "Between Lord George Hamilton and Sir Horace Walpole you may make very sure of the results of a General Election!" Well, Mr. Chamberlain is a strong man, but he is not cautious; he is impetuous, and once in the fight resolute to win; but he has no sense of proportion, either to correctly measure the weakness on his own side, or the strength of his enemies. And herein lies the pitfall before him. Many competent observers believe that he has altogether miscalculated the position of the colonies, and the way in which he seems to exalt them above all the other members of the empire is apparently causing a sort of reproachful resentment against them throughout the Mother Country, even among people who are far from being Little Englanders and unless the Colonial statesmen are very tactful, and Mr. Chamberlain takes warning in time, there may be a great slump at the ensuing general election in the "imperial vote." The fact that although in intellectual power Mr. Chamberlain is head and shoulders above his fellows he is, as those among his intimates who are capable of judging well always tell you, "universally ignorant" should not be forgotten in estimating the chances of his ultimate success in the great fight on which he has entered with such prodigious energy. A man who only arrives at the end of his life at the knowledge with which he might have started at 24 or 25 often remains in the dark outside the matters with which he is practically and responsibly dealing. There is always danger in that, and in the case of a popular statesman a risk involving the whole future of this country.

THE ST. LOUIS EXHIBITION.

The absence of anyone with Indian experience on the Royal Commission of the St. Louis Exhibition is a subject of general surprise and comment. It can be hardly put down to the indifference of the India Office, where it is rather attributed to the exclusiveness of the Board of Trade. But the truth is these Royal Commissions are matters which are left to the favour of the Court, and "the Court," be it "King," or "the Prince," in such cases means the official in charge of the technical work in the official department concerned, and the Private Secretary to his Royal Highness or his Majesty. It has always been so, the indifference of the Public offices towards Exhibitions of all sorts being of ancient days, and ineradicable. All the same it is deplorable, if only because it looks so bad that no representative of India should be on the Royal Commission. Sir George Birdwood we know has insisted on withdrawing from all such duties. But Sir George Watt is now here, and in the fulness of bodily and mental health and vigour, and there is Sir James Mackay here, a name of great weight in all such connections, and one or other or both these gentlemen ought to have been on the Commission. The Government of India must share with the Indian and other State authorities here the blame for a glaring neglect

"GOOD-BYE" TO THE 93RD HIGHLANDERS.

INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

During the past nineteen months the United Free Church of Scotland in Calcuttta has endeavoured to cheer and brighten the lot of the Highlanders by providing a Social meeting each month and the measure in which the efforts have been appreciated was pleasingly indicated on Wednesday evening last. Upwards of 300 men and Major Mackenzie and Lieutenant Kennedy the Adjutant of the Regiment were present at the last of the series. The musical programme arranged by Mr. Horn to whose energy the success of the meeting have been due, was of an exceptionally interesting character. Half-way through the programme Major Mackenzie came forward and after explaining the unavoidable absence of Colonel Patterson stated that when it became known that the Battalion was leaving Calcutta some of the men waited upon the Commanding officer and expressed their desire to take some steps to show their appreciation of the courtesy and kindness shown to them by the Free Church of Scotland and speaking from an intimate knowledge of the men of the Sutherland Highlanders extending over 23 years he knew that this wish was a spontaneous and heartfelt one, and the officers and N. C. O's heartily joined with them. They thought that they could not show their appreciation of all the kindness shown to them during their stay in Calcutta better than by presenting the Church with a Silver Communion Cup which was an exact copy of the Regiment't own Church Cup presented to it in 1813, in asking Mr. Horn to accept it on behalf of the Church, Major Mackenzie expressed the hope that if this Battalion of the Sutherland Highlanders might not be privileged to use it, that some day the First Battalion would come to Calcutta and meet with the same warm welcome the 93rd had received.

The presentation of a Marble Timepiece to Mrs. Parker, and of a Bible to Mr. Horn as marks of esteem and respect from the men and officers, was made the occasion for alluding to their respective efforts to make the meetings so successful. Mr. Horn briefly returned thanks on behalf, of the Church and delivered a message received from Rev. D. Reid. At the close of the gathering Mr. Horn called for hearty thanks which were expressed in no unmistakable terms, for Mrs. Bushnell whose services as accompanist had been of great value, and to Mrs. Parker to whose successful management of the commissariat, and attention, to the artistic arrangiment of the Hall the greatest credit was due and also to Mrs. Hamilton with whom the idea of the meetings had originated and to Mr. Hamilton who had contributed very generously to the expenses. "Auld lang Syne" was sung with a will and the National Anthem closed a meeting which from beginning to end was a distinct success.

POISONING A HUSBAND.

ACCUSED PUNISHED WITH TRANSPORTATION.

Mr. C. Roper, Additional Sessions Judge of Bijapur convicted a woman named Bhagawa Kom Shidlingappa of administering an unwholesome drug with intent to cause hur, and sentenced her to transportation for seven years. An appeal by the accused was heard at the High Court on Thursday before the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston. Mr. Setlur, with Mr. J. R. Gharpure, appeared for the accused; and the Government Pleader for the Crown.

The appellant, a young woman of eighteen, was charged with murder and with administering arsenic and one Virpaxaya, bin Saivaya with abetment of the offences. On Wednesday morning the 15th April last, accused No. 1, the appellant, mixed some powder with a preparation of sugar and ghee, and gave it to her husband, the deceased Shilingappa, immediately after taking it, the latter felt a burning sensation in his throat, and shortly afterwards a similar sensation in his stomach. He then became very ill, vomited blood and expired after sunset the same day. Shidramappa, a relation who lived in another portion of the same house, returned from his field about 11 a. m., and finding the deceased ill, enquired the cause. The latter said that his wife, accused No. 1, had mixed poison with his food. Information was given to the police patel, who came to the house with a "panch." The deceased repeated his explanation of the cause of illness to the patel, and "panch." The deceased's statement was recorded and accused No. 1 was arrested the same night. A paper packet of white powder, mixed with sugar was found in a niche in the house, as well as other packets containing some ghee. Accused was taken before the city first class magistrate, to whom she made a statement. On searching a cup board belonging to No. 2, the police found powders and pills which were supposed to have been used by his deceased father, who practised medicine. These articles were all attached, and also a book of medical prescriptions, showing among other matters how to kill an enemy and how to seduce a woman. The Chemical Analyser to Government detected poison in the deceased's stomach and some of the articles found with accused No. 2. Accused No. 1 said to the magistrate that No. 2 had given her the powder, as she had complained to him that her husband beat and abused her, saying that the powder would prove a remedy. Accused No. 1 was the deceased's third wife. She was about 18 years old, her husband being about 50, and they were married about four months before his death. It was in evidence that accused No. 2 was the paramour of accused No. 1, and was often in her house during the deceased's temporary absence. Accused No. 1 stood in the Session Court that she received a white powder from accused No. 2, that she mixed this with a preparation of ghee and sugar and gave it to the deceased that a little later he took ill. She had all along in every statement made by her admitted having given the powder to the deceased with his food. It was proved that she knew there was arsenic in the powder, or that she intended to kill her husband. She only intended to hurt her husband in some way or other. The case against No. 2 was not sufficiently supported by legal evidence to justify his conviction for abetment and he was acquitted and discharged. Accused No. 1 was convicted and sentenced to transportation for seven years.

Their lordships, on a consideration of all the circumstances dismissed the appeal.

MAJOR-GENERAL TORIN THATCHER, late of the Bombay Staff Corps, died on Tuesday evening at the Lady Roberts' Home, Murree. He was a well-known figure in Rawalpindi and Murree and formerly also in Kashmir. He retired as long ago as 1881, and was in his 77th year. General Thatcher's war service was away back in the fifties He served with the Sind Horse in Persia in 1857, and in the following year he was present in the operations for the suppression of the rebel Bhils.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers every where.

SIMLA NOTES AND NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, OCTOBER 8.

THE skies have been kind to the Simla autumn meeting. The Gymkhana races last Saturday and Monday were run off in crisp autumn sunshine that gave the numerous poojah holiday-makers, who are just now here, an opportunity for seeing the hill-sides at their best.

There are few prettier sights than the little tea-tray of a race coure, lying in the sheltering embrace of a great, curved, cedar-clad ridge, when the turf is dotted with the units of a fashionable crowd, and there is the bustle and animation of a gymkhana. The races were of the most unpretentious kind the ponies figuring in them being ones which are ordinarily to be seen carrying their owners round the station, and the programme being filled out with affinity stakes and other events for ladies. The gathering was none the less popular. The two-rupee totalisators found man customers, and a pleasant outing was afforded to many to whom it was a boon.

The Viceroy, the Commander-in-Chief, and the Lieutenant-Governor are all away, and there has been so little going on locally that attention has focussed itself, more exclusively than would otherwise have been the case, upon the big events that have been happening elsewhere. The reconstitution of the Home Cabinet touches Simla closer than any other station in India. The appointment of a new Secretary of State is an event of more than ordinary importance to a collection of officials whose everyday experience it is to submit cases to the India Office.

The changes in Downing-Street involves, in this case, the possibility of the recall of the leaders of our little circle. The surprise is that neither Lord Curzon nor Lord Kitchener have yet had to leave us. Both are probably more profitably employed where they are than in endeavouring to caulk the leaks in the much battered ship of the present Home Government, but this fact is not likely to weigh much with Mr. Balfour if he requires their services in London. For Lord Kitchener it would be anything but an advantage to give up the dignified and independent command of the Indian Army for the thankless task presented by the War Office. The leader of the Opposition, however, is committed to recalling him, for this purpose, should he ever have the ability to do so, and the process of copying the tactics of the enemy is so tempting for a party in the unfortunate position now occupied by the Unionists that it would surprise no one were pressure brought to bear to this end at any time. In regard to Lord Curzon, Simla has given up being startled by rumours of his recall. As things stand it now seems most probable that he will remain on as Viceroy, at least until the time comes for him to take leave next April. His return thereafter, to complete the period of his extension of office in India, must depend, of course, upon events at home in the meantime. The visit of the Prince and the Princess of Wales to this country next autumn would certainly be a reason for postponing any change of plans, as it would obviously be undesirable to leave the introduction to the people of India of their future King, to be performed by a Viceroy who had himself but just arrived. But the exigencies of party government are such that even this consideration might be overruled.

Of the new Cabinet appointments the one which concerns Simla most closely is that of the Secretary of State for India. The selection which has been made for it must certainly be described as highly unpopular, though it is easy to understand Mr. Balfour's agreeing to almost anything in order to effect a change in the administration of the War Office.

The developments which are taking place in connection with the Thibet Mission are another matter of interest. During the past week the raising has been ordered of a corps of transport ponies, also of a corps of coolies for work upon the line of communications through Sikkim. The 23rd Pioneers have received orders to leave Dinapore for the Teesta Valley, and Colonel Macdonald, R.E., whose name will be remembered in connection with the railway survey of the Khyber, has been appointed to take charge of the difficult operations for the construction of the road to the Thibet border. The last letters from the mission show that the climate of Kambajong, where Major Younghusband is camped, waiting for properly accredited representatives from Lhassa, is still pleasantly temperate. The winter in this elevated, windswept plateau, fifteen thousand feet above sea level, is exceedingly severe. It is important, therefore, that it should be made possible to push up supplies before the passes are closed with snow. It will be time enough, next spring, to consider what further steps should be taken to induce the Thibetans to fulfil the terms of their treaty for trade with India.

A useful move in a somewhat similar direction, though designed to encourage commerce upon a smaller scale, is being made this autumn in the neighbourhood of Simla. It consists in the improvement of the Simla-Thibet road which has fallen into a very bad state. The scheme includes the building of a suspension bridge over the Sutlej river beyond Narkhanda, a work on which engineers are now engaged.

The next meeting of the Viceroy's Legislative Council is fixed for 23rd, and a further sitting may possibly be held here before Lord Curzon proceeds on his autum tour to the Phulkian States and up the Persian Gulf. The business to be transacted is almost entirely formal. The more important measures which are pending will, as usual, be postponed until the Calcutta session. An Indian Universities Bill, an Agricultural Banks Bill, and an Ancient Monuments Bill are among the matters which are likely to come up. The long discussed Civil Procedure Code Amendment Bill will stand over for another season, opportunity being thus afforded for the further consideration of this exceedingly complicated and difficult piece of legislation.

Of the social events of the station I have, this week, to notice a pretty dance given by the Misses Harington at Kelston last Thursday, also a similar entertainment last Friday, at the Grand Hotel given by some of the residents. Next Tuesday Sir Charles and Lady Tupper are giving a small dance.

The Simla Amateur Dramatic Club have energetically come forward with a ninth performance, being one more than the number they estimated for at the beginning of the season. The piece chosen has been that amusing comedy "Cousin Kate" which has made such a hit at home The first night was yesterday. Major Norris plays the part of the "Artist Lover." Captain Strange is a great success as the "Amorous Curate." Mrs. Wheler plays "Cousin Kate," a part which suits her admirably. Miss O'Callaghan is the artist's fiance who discovers at the last moment that she prefers the curate. Mrs. Frizelle makes up capitally as the flighty mother of the fickle young lady, Miss Hall is the pretty servant maid of the piece, and the house roars at the schoolboy, a part which is capitally taken by Mr. Wannel. The piece goes with a swing, and no one who enjoys a really good laugh should miss seeing it.

THE MAZAGON INSTITUTE.

THE festivities held in honour of the births of their Majesties the King and Queen of Portugal were brought to a close on Saturday last when the members of the Mazagon Institute celebrated its eighth anniversary on the same day by a dance at the Framroz Patell Hall, Mazagon, at which H. E. the Consul-General Visconde de Vrem presided. He was received at the door by the members, the band in attendance playing the Portuguese National Anthem. Dr. Villa Flor Pinto, the President of the Institute, in a neat little speech, proposed the health of their Majesties to which the Portuguese Consul responded in suitable terms.

The committee of the Institute spared no pains to make the function a perfect success. The all was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The gathering was a very nice one, and dancing was kept up until the small hours of the morning.

A MAN named O'Brien, who was remanded at Highgate on a charge of using bad language, pleaded that he was speaking Irish.

ALLEGED COTTON FRAUDS.

AT the Esplanade Police Court on Saturday afternoon, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Luxmidas Naranji, a cotton merchant, trading in the name of Soonderji Keshavji, was charged with cheating Vasanji Jivandas, of the firm of Khimji Visram, in respect of 93 bales of cotton, Mr. Dinshaw D. Davar, barrister-at-law, and Mr. D. N. Bahadurji, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. Kanga, of Messrs. Bhaishanker, Kanga, and Girdharlal, Solicitors, appeared for the complainant; while Mr. Branson, barrister-at-law, with Messrs Kapadia and Dastur, pleaders, appeared for the accused.

In opening the case for the prosecution Mr. Davar said the firm of the complainant were dealers in cotton and the accused also did a very large business in cotton. The accused, however, was principally a "mucoadum" and as such his business was to store goods of various merchants, to receive their cotton sent from up-country, and store it in his godown at Colaba. On the 12th August the complainant sold 93 bales of Hathras cotton to the accused, and Tejsey Deesey, a partner of the complainant, gave delivery of the goods to the accused on the 14th August. It was agreed between the parties that the accused should pay the money in cash on the delivery of the goods. In the ordinary course of business the accused should have paid the complainant on the day of the delivery of goods, or sent a cheque the next day, which was a public holiday. The 16th of August was a Sunday. On the 17th August the accused sent a cheque to the complainant after the banking hours. That cheque was for Rs. 6,320, which amount approximately covered the value of the bales sold to the accused. It was presented to the Bank of Bombay the same day, and was dishonoured on the 8th August. The complainant made inquiries and ascertained that the accused had given the cheque to his firm with the full knowledge that he had no funds in the bank. He also ascertained that the accused had entered into certain arrangements with the bank of Bombay, whereby all the goods in his godown were hypothecated to the bank for certain advances the amount of which was either fixed or allowed to run on cash credit. As a result of this arrangement with the bank every bale that entered the godowns of the accused became the property of the bank on account of their claims against him. The understanding between the bank and the accused was that the bank should advance to the accused Rs. 90 per bale of new cotton which entered his godowns and were mortgaged to the bank, and Rs. 80 per bale on all old cotton. Proceeding counsel said the accused kept books of account, and therefore he in a position to know whether he had any balance in the bank when he drew the cheque for Rs. 6,200 in favour of his client. He submitted the accused knew that he had no funds in the bank on the 17th August as a cheque for Rs 5,000 drawn by him in favour of one Sevaram Khushalchand had been dishonoured the same day and he had the intimation thereof.

The complainant in his examination by Mr. Davar deposed to the sale of the 93 bales of cotton to the accused by his firm.

Mr. Robert Anderson Don acting accountant, Bank of Bombay said for some time past the accused dealt with the Bank in the name of Sutderji Keshavji. The accused used to draw cheques on the bank in security of cotton. 7,216 bales of cotton belonging to the accused were in the possession of the bank on the 15th 16th and 17th of August. On the 18th August there were 6,966 bale only. The arrangement the bank had with the accused was that they should advance him Rs. 90 per bale of new cotton and Rs. 80 per bale of old cotton. The maximum amount the accused could draw on the 15th August was Rs. 5,13,960 but he had drawn Rs. 5,14,760 already. The cheque for Rs. 6,200 drawn by him accused on the 16th August in favour of Sevaram Khushalchand was dishonoured on the 17th August. On the 18th three cheques for Rs. 6,200, Rs. 11,200 and Rs 13,100 drawn by the accused on the 17th August were dishonoured by the bank. On the 19th cheque for Rs. 5,000 drawn by the accused in the same day was also dishonoured, sometimes the accused was allowed to over draw to the extent of Rs. 1,000 on his promising to pay the amount the following morning. When the above cheques were presented at the bank no sent for the accused but was told that he was ill. There was no arrangement between the bank and the accused to allow the latter to overdraw to the extents of the amount represented by the cheques.

The case stands adjourned.

CIVIL STATE SECRETS.

The "Times of Burma" says:—Now that the Civil administrations are to have their own State Secrets Bill (or sections inserted in the Indian Penal Code, all the wrongs, or defects, or the conniving at felony, that may be done departmentally hereafter be hushed up. But, we think, the Government of India should provide, in its new legislation, for a case that may arise in the following circumstances.—"An official submits a confidential (State Secret) report, that inadvertently, is wholly untrue, an unmitigated procersion of that which never occured, and, by a peculiar concatenation of circumstances, an unwary editor, finding a copy of this remarkable official ability, unthinkingly published it, and contradicted it, giving its author particular beans; "how should the responsible authorities act? Should, the editor be given a reward; or will the government make his fortune by arresting him, and thereby advertising the editor and the official. In other words, can a confidentially submitted false report such as old army officers were known to make of juniors in the bad old days be considered a State Secret We will not wade through the various departments in Burma collecting the fiction contained in confidential reports because some of it was written to cushion some of it for various motives, to "hush up" or connivant felony possibly; but we will select a few of the more startling sensations, for use when the Government deems it advisable to begin coercing journalists, to desist from the honorable discharge of their arduous duties to the general public. Our archaeological correspondent when prosecuting his researches may unearth a memorandum civil (state) secret of the government of India in Jan Kanipani's time, and ajournalist may publish it as a theater.

HIGH COURT.—OCTOBER 10.

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice B. TYABJEE.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

329/03—Thakurdas and Co—Ahmedbhoy Habibbhoy vs Rahimtoola Somejee and others—Wadia G and Co.

138/02—Manockchal J and H—Mooji Jetha vs N C Macleod and others—Thakordas and Co.

299-02—Payne and Co—The Badiohi Aniline and Soda Fedorich vs Tejpal Godu and others—Dikshit and D—For postponment.

595/00—Hiralal and D—Sitaram Sawlia vs The Hindustan S and W Co Ltd—Dikshit and D.

455/02—Payne and Co—Mohanlal Karshan vs Gangaram Ramjee and others—Hiralal D.

671/01—Raghawaya and B—Hari Ualabh Lalchand and another vs Jamnadas Narandas and others—Edgelow G and W.

279/03—Edgelow G and W—Soonamal Gangaram and others vs Ruttonjee Sorabjee Talati and another—Bhaishanker K and G.

68/01—Bicknell M and M—Shivratan Pragdas and another vs Sadacoova, widow and another.

76/01—Bicknell M and M—Shivratan Pragdas and another vs Sadacoova widow.

333/02—B V N R—Shivshanker Gopaljee and others vs Jehangir Manockjee Contractor—Pestonjee R and K

494/02—Tyabjee D and Co—Hajee Noor Mahomed Hajee Abdoola vs Pragjee Luxmidas and others—Edgelow G and W.

53/02—Manauklal J and H—The Hon Mr Gokuldas Kahandas Parekh vs The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada and others—Edgelow G and W.

202/02—Mattubhai J and M—Tricumlal Sakurchand and another vs Lakshmidas Narayen and others—Wadia G and Co, and D and T.

210/02—Madhowji vs Harilal Jamnadas and another vs Hurgovandas Jagjivandas and others in person Mathubhai—J and M.

411/02—Craigie S and O—The Bombay Ice Manufacturing Co Ld and others vs S B Fraser and Co—Payne and Co.

660/02—Mulla and M—Champsey Harjee and others vs Bai Fatmabai widow—Bhaishanker K and G.

573/02—Tyabjee D and Co—Rijibai widow vs Meghjee Lukmidas—Edgelow G and W.

Before the Honourable Mr JUSTICE RUSSELL.

Summary suits to be heard in Chambers.

565/03—Captain and V—Sorabjee Rustomjee Battliwala vs M Fetterie Napper and another.

599/03—Mistri H and M—Framroz Merwanjee Chinoy vs Manockshah Pestonjee Colabawala.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Commercial Cause.

614/02—Bicknell M and M—Paul Brier and another vs Chotalal Javerdas—K D Shroff—Part heard.

Long Causes.

802/01—Captain and V—Noormahomed Cassam Metha vs Shaik Hasan Jamaluddin Desai and others—Daphtary and F.

254-02—K D Shroff—Hurgowan Ramjee and another vs Bhaiji Vallabhram Ratneshwar and others—Bhaishanker K and G and Little and Co—Part heard.

447-03—Wyabji D and Co—Valjee Morarjee and another vs Kessowjee Dowjee and another—Madhaojee V

91-03—Crawford B and Co—Mathuradas Heerjee vs Jairam Heerjee and others—Kanga and P.—Part heard.

Testamentary Suit.

9-02—Smetham B and N—John F Fernandes and others vs B F Nunes—K B Mehta—Part heard.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice BATTY.

Suit for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

74-02—Thakurdas and Co—The Indian Manufacturing Co Ltd vs Laljl Veerji—Chitnis and M—Part heard.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OF 25TH SEPTEMBER.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Peninsular, Captain A. G. Cubitt, R. N. R., arrived in harbour on Saturday morning, with the English mails of the 25th Sept. She brought the following passengers:—

FROM LONDON.

Steel Miss D
Tomson Mr S
Steel Mr G
Andrew Mr R S
Bidinall Mr J
Roxburg Mr J
Turnbull Mr F
Strachan Mr H C
Edwards Mr L C
Beveridge Mr J M
Brasher Mr. Mrs and infant
Kemp Miss
Nixon Mrs A L
Chinnery Miss
Flower Mr A
Sheldon Dr N L
Macphail Mr L S
Siretta Mr
Tomson Capt and Mrs
Turner Mrs A
Ditmar Lt H E C
Freemantle Mr T E

FROM MARSEILLES.

Hunter Mr C R
Bull Lt H
Perry Lt-Col and Mrs
Thornton Mr L M
Mackenzie Capt H M
Brooke Mr and Mrs
Brooke Mr and Mrs
Doble Lt J
Pretyman Major Genl Sir and Lady
Carpendale Mr W
Block Mr and Mrs
Evill Mr A
Price Mr L
Beeson Mr R G
Flavin Mr W R
Grant Mr H F
Maxwell Major H E
Delaney Capt
Lane Capt T C
Melville Capt and Mrs
Douglass Rev J
Neame Mr
Lee French Mrs
Thomas Mr R
Barney Rev and Mrs and Master
Scardefield Miss
Hill Mr E
Ross Mr
McMinn Mr C W
Mayne Mr C J W
Powell Major A H
McAlpin, Mr F
Anderson Major A R S
Wardle Mr H
Monckton Mr C C
Fowle Mrs
Browne Mr P
Pyrke Mr E W
Anderson Mrs A R B
Nowell Mr A B
Wright Mr W
Battiffe Capt
Fletcher Mr A
Paine Mr F
McLean Lieut
Lake Mr W A E
Fryer Col and Mrs
Ransome Major and Mrs
Grest Capt and Mrs
Cason Mr
Inman Mr H J
Dick Mr J W
Tighe Major M A
Dent Mr A J
Prescott Lt C W
Dixon Mr E W
Bird Mr B H
Hay Capt L S
Chapman Major R
Reynolds Mrs
Tulloh Capt G S

FROM ADEN.

Owen Mr E B
Merewether Major

THE DESERTERS FROM THE WEST KENTS.

Eight men of the Royal West Kent Regiment have been missing since Sunday says the "Ceylon Standard" of October 6 and inquiries into the matter have led to the belief that the have deserted to the United States army transport "Sumner" which left Colombo for Bombay on Sunday afternoon. It appears that a rumour got abroad that some men of the regiment were planning desertion and the Garrison Police, who had the matter in hand, kept a strong "posse" at the jetty but somehow the men managed to leave the shore unobserved. Eleven men in all were found missing on Sunday morning, and Major Churcher D S O, and Captain Barron A D C to the Major-General immediately proceeded on board the transport and discussed the matter with Captain Carlton the commander of troops. The American Officers very courteously listened to the matter, and allowed a millitry escorton board to search for the missing men. The escort succeeded in tracing three of them—Privates Jones, White and Read—who were covered with coal dust as they had taken refuge in the bunkers. No trace of the others were found and the British officers came ashore after Captain Carlton promised that the men would be handed over to the authorities at Malta if they were found, It is no uncommon occurrence for British soldiers to stow away on board American steamers, and it will be remembered that some time ago several soldiers from Malta deserted to a steamer bound for the Philippines, and though a diligent search was made on the vessel's arrival at Colombo they could not be found. On another occasion some men left by a transport which left Colombo for New Rork and about a month or so ago a private of the Y W K R deserted to New Zealand.

A court of inquiry on the deserters was held on October 5 by Captain Joslin, Adjutant of the Royal West Kent Regiment, when a large number of witnesses were examined and the case was referred to a District court martial.

As already reported five of the missing men were handed over to the police on the arrival of the Sumner in Bombay.

At the Esplanade Police Court, on Saturday, before Mr. Karsondas Chhabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Jebb, of the Harbour Police, charged G. Brent, aged 20, Joseph Kemp, aged 24, John Kemp aged 21, W. Flynn, aged 21, and J. Gradwell, aged 24, privates in his Majesty's West Kent Regiment, at present stationed at Colombo, with deserting H. M.'s regular forces, under Section 151 of the Army Act.

It appeared that while the U. S. A. "Transport Summer," which arrived in Bombay harbour on the 8th Instant, was in Colombo harbour, the accused effected their escape from the regiment and managed to conceal themselves in the vessel. They were discovered by the ship authorities during their voyage to Bombay, and on their arrival here they were given in custody of the Harbour Police.

All the accused admitted the truth of the complaint.

The first accused said he was a private in his Majesty's West Kent Regiment at present stationed at Colombo. He left the regiment on the 3rd instant without permission and of his own accord, and arrived in Bombay on the 8th idem. He enlisted in H. M.'s Army at London and joined the above regiment in December 1902 at Colombo. He was apprehended on board the U. S. A. "Transport Summer" on the 8th instant by Inspector Jebb.

The rest of the accused having made similar statements, his Worship ordered the prisoners to be returned to the custody of the military authorities, the Court having no means of testing the truth or otherwise of the statements made by them.

MOTOR MEAT VAN FREAKS DOWN.

A DEARTH AND A SLUMP IN MUTTON.

A good deal of commotion was occasioned at the Crawford Market among the butchers on Saturday morning by the receipt of the news that the new motor meat van, which recently replaced the old bullock vans, had broken down near Dadar with the carcasses of one hundred and eight sheep. Information of the accident was wired to Mr. Douglas Bennett, Superintendent of the Crawford Market, who immediately despatched two ordinary meat vans to bring down the mutton to Bombay. Despite the promptitude with which Mr. Bennett acted, however, it was past eight o'clock when the butchers got their supplies, and at that hour the mutton was of practically no use to them. At first they refused to take delivery of their respective slaughters, but Mr. Bennett, after considerable persuasion, induced them to do so, on the understanding that whatever loss they sustained by the transaction, would be reimbursed by the Bombay Municipality. This had the desired effect and the butchers were shortly after seen busily trying to sell their supplies at whatever money it would fetch. As there were not many buyers in the market, the mutton was sold at an anna per lb. A large quantity was also left unsold, so the accident may be a somewhat expensive one for the Municipality. The motor van was subsequently brought down to Bombay by a steam roller.

ATTACK ON A JAILOR AT THANA.

A murderous attack was made on Mr. Vincent D'Almeida by a Barta motchee convict in the Thana Jail on Friday morning. Mr. D'Almeida was transferred last month from Oomercar y Jail to the Thana Jail as one of the jailors, and was on his rounds when one of the convicts suddenly turned on him with an awl, a tool used for piercing holes in leather, and wounded him so severely bout the back of his head and neck that he was rendered unconscious. He was removed immediately to the Civil Hospital at Thana, where his injuries were attended to by Dr. Mistry, the Civil Surgeon, and he is still under treatment there. Mr. D'Almeida was reported to be much better on Saturday morning, and progressing favourably. It is stated that the assault was committed without the least provocation.

To Cure Horse Ailments.

Eminent Veterinary Surgeons (see Book on Bottle) strongly recommend **Condy's Fluid** as a speedy and absolutely Certain Cure for Sore Shoulders, Sore Backs, Broken Knees, Grease, Thrush, Cracked Heels and Mud Fever in Horses.

Insist on having "Condy's Fluid." Sold by all Chemists & Stores.

THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 25.

HOME.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.—A new spectacular drama, "The Flood Tide," is being played here.

Ecclesiastical.—The Bishop of Gibraltar will resign his see on or before February 1, when he completes the 30th year of his episcopate.—Dr. Casartelli was on Monday consecrated Roman Catholic Bishop of Salford.

Elections.—The polling for St. Andrews Burghs resulted in the return of Captain Ellice (L.) by 1,324 votes against 1,238 for Major Archbrother Thomson (U.). This involves the loss of a seat to the Government.—Rochester, on the other hand, has elected Mr. C. Tuff (U.) by 2,504 votes, against 1,981 received by Sir H. Johnston (L.)

Fiscal Policy.—We reproduce a speech made by Mr. Balfour in 1880, pointing out that it would be necessary to resort to retaliatory duties, not in order to revive protection, but to promote free trade. We publish also the last of our series of articles on this subject, and further extracts from the Blue-book on trade and industry.

Four tourists were killed on the 21st while attempting to climb the pinnacle of Scafell.

Imperial Defence.—A Parliamentary Paper just issued shows the costs of Imperial defence for the current year as £37,487,900, of which the United Kingdom contributes £28,957,700, India £18,175,200, and the Crown Colonies £355,100.

Ireland.—It is stated that the Duke of Manchester has bought Kylemore Castle and the estate of 13,000 acres in Connemara for £83,000.—The Duke of Leinster's tenants at Athy have offered to buy their farms

CABINET CRISIS.

MR. BALFOUR RECONSTRUCTING THE CABINET.

THE FISCAL CAMPAIGN.

THE majority of the members of the Cabinet have decided that while they are prepared to advocate changes in our fiscal system in order to give the nation "freedom of negotiation with foreign countries, they are not prepared to adopt Mr. Chamberlain's proposals for securing a preferential arrangement with the Colonies. From official correspondence which has been published it appears that Mr. Chamberlain wrote to the Premier suggesting that the present policy of the Government should be limited to the assertion of our freedom in the case of all commercial relations with foreign countries" and that the Premier should agree to his tendering his resignation of the position of Colonial Secretary to His Majesty. In explanation of this, however, we may say that had the majority of the Ministers accepted the proposals of Mr. Chamberlain he would have continued in the Ministry.

TARIFF REFORM LEAGUE'S POLICY.

Mr. C. Arthur Pearson Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Tariff Reform League, wrote to Mr. Chamberlain saying that inquiries were coming to the League from all quarters as to the effect upon the future course of action of the events which had just transpired. The League, Mr. Pearson pointed out, was starting with the object of advocating the examination of the tariff with the view to its employment to consolidate and develop the resources of the Empire and to defend the industries of the United Kingdom. It seemed to him that the examination of the tariff might be considered sufficiently advanced, and the League now proposed to advocate the employment of the tariff for the objects named. Mr. Pearson asked if the position outlined met with Mr. Chamberlain's approval.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S REPLY.

Mr. Chamberlain has sent the following reply:—"Dear Mr. Pearson,—I agree with your views. We have sufficient matter in the way of facts and figures. We have now to state our conclusions and to endeavour to get the people to adopt them. As I understand, the Tariff Reform League is prepared to advocate—

"(1) Closer union with the Colonies by means of a preferential tariff, and an endeavour to make Empire self-sufficing as regards food supply.

"(2) The employment of the tariff as a weapon to secure greater reciprocity with foreign nations, or, failing such an arrangement, to prevent the loss of our home and Imperial markets under the competition of protected countries by retaliating upon them the treatment they mete out to us.

"On this understanding I wish the Tariff Reform League every success, and trust that it will have the support of everyone who desires the union of the Empire and the continued prosperity of our commerce."

UNIONIST FREE FOODERS TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION.

The following statement was issued on Saturday by the Unionist Free Food League:—

"The Unionist Free Food League would desire to be among the first to express a full recognition of the value of the services which Mr. Chamberlain had undoubtedly rendered to the Empire and to the Unionist Party. While regretting the circumstances which had led him to feel that his resignation was necessary, it cannot shut its eyes to the fact that those circumstances are the outcome of his own action in springing upon the country an unacceptable scheme which involves, as Mr. Balfour points out in his reply to Mr. Chamberlain's letter, 'taxation upon food stuffs.'

"The policy of the Unionist Free Food League is now proved to have been thoroughly justified, for both the Prime Minister and Mr. Chamberlain have, as shown in their letters, arrived at the conclusion that the country at any rate at present is opposed to the protective taxation of food; and not only so, but also it may fairly be claimed that it has far more correctly interpreted the instincts of the people than have those who differed from its opinions.

The Unionist Party, indeed, owes a considerable debt of gratitude to those of its members who have so consistently and courageously and yet with such unwavering and chivalrous Party loyalty, pointed out the unwisdom and the danger of the acceptance of this policy of food taxation. In view, however, of the altered situation which has so unexpectedly arisen, full consideration will be required before the future policy of the League can be stated."

THE LORD CHANCELLOR NOT RESIGNING.

The announcement made with so much confidence on Saturday that the Lord Chancellor was about to retire, and that Sir Robert Finlay, the Attorney-General was about to succeed him on the Woolsack, is denied by Lord Halsbury himself, in a letter to section the "Times" says that the Lord Chancellor is in hearty agreement with the Prime Minister's fiscal political policy, and his absence from the Cabinet Councils of last week was due exclusively to considerations of health, which made it necessary for him to remain at Harrogate. He is now better than he was, and, unless he should find his strength unequal to the discharge of his duties, he is unlikely to entertain the thought of resigning."

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPADE WORK.

The great majority of the people of Birmingham received the news of Mr. Chamberlain's resignation through Friday's papers and there was considerable excitement in the city (says a correspondent). No one appears to have had the least suspicion that the Colonial Secretary was likely to resign, although it was certain that he would never turn back on the policy to which he had put his hand. The work will now be pushed on by the Birmingham Tariff Committee with greater vigour than ever, and on Friday Mr. C. A. Vince the secretary after a long conference with Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Powell Williams, M. P, chairman of the Tariff Committee is making arrangements for the autumn campaign which promises to be a stirring one. Mr. Chamberlain has made no arrangement as to the date for speaking in Birmingham. A special meeting of the Birmingham Conservative Association has been convened for Monday night to discuss the political situation and Mr. Frank Lowe, M. P., will occupy the chair.

During his campaign Mr. Chamberlain intends to touch on no other subject than that of preferential tariffs, the arrangements he has made for addressing public audiences remain unaltered. His engagements are as follows:—

October 6, Glasgow,
October 7, Greenock,
October (middle), Leeds.
October 20, Newcastle-on-Tyne,
October 21, Tynemouth,
October 27, Liverpool,
November (early) Birmingham,
November 20, Cardiff,
January (1904), City of London.

In the Birmingham political clubs the idea holds that a General Election is near, but the Exchange Telegraph Company's Birmingham correspondent hears on very reliable authority that Mr. Chamberlain is looking forward to at least twelve months' propaganda work before a dissolution occurs.

SIR M. HICKS BEACH'S GLASGOW MEETING POSTPONED.

A Glasgow correspondent states that the engagement of Sir Michael Hicks Beach to speak upon the fiscal question in St. Andrew's Hall, Glasgow, on October 14, has been indefinitely postponed. The same correspondent is informed that, contrary to recent statements, the larger proportion of Scottish Unionist members have accepted invitations to Mr. Chamberlain's Glasgow platform.

WHAT THE WORLD THINKS OF THE CRISIS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Friday.—All the New York papers this morning give prominence to the resignations of Ministers from the British Cabinet. The New York Herald says: Mr. Chamberlain's exit will not serve to conceal the fact that he has sustained a severe defeat in his visionary scheme of starving the people of the Mother Country as a means of consolidating the Empire. The New York World says: Mr. Balfour's position has been made exceedingly precarious by Mr. Chamberlain's resignation.

The New York Times, dwelling upon the struggle between free trade and protection in Great Britain, says it would be presumptuous for a foreigner to forecast the issue. What we know is that one of the shrewdest politicians of England is ready to stake his political future upon it.

The New York Sun in a leader written before the official news of the resignation reached New York said:—Obviously, should Mr Chamberlain resign under existing circumstances he will find himself a man without a party. He might just as well retire altogether from public life—Central News.

GERMAN COMPLIMENTS.

Cologne Friday.—Discussing the resignations in the British Cabinet the Koelnische Zeitung to-day comments on the friendly tone of Mr Balfour's letter to Mr Chamberlain and regards it as indicating that Mr Balfour will agree to Mr Chamberlains fiscal proposal as soon as the British nation shall have been won over to them. Mr. Chamberlain adds the journal has displayed high statesmanlike talent by developing the Colonial Office to which formerly scarcely any importance was attached into one of the most weighty and most potent factors in the administration of the Empire.—Reuter.

WHAT IS THOUGHT IN PARIS.

Paris, Friday.—Commenting on the resignations in the Cabinet, the "Matin" declares that Mr. Balfour, in attempting to satisfy Protectionists and Free Traders alike, caused the resignations announced yesterday. The "Figaro" is of the same opinion. The withdrawal of Mr. Chamberlain will, it says, surprise no one, for the Colonial Secretary required the formal and absolute adhesion of the whole Cabinet. The moment is a critical one, Mr. Chamberlain leaves public opinion undecided, the Cabinet crippled, Parliament confused, and the King embarrassed. It is evident that he intends to bring the question of fiscal reforms before the country without delay."

The "Gaulois" is inclined to think that Mr. Chamberlain has resigned in order to create a popular movement in his favour and to lay his case before the public, while preparing at the same time for his return to office at the head of the Government.

The "Echo de Paris" believes that Mr. Chamberlain is withdrawing from the Cabinet in order to have a free hand and to enter upon a campaign by which he hopes to convert the opinion of the country. The journal is convinced that the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain will cause a party crisis as serious as that produced by the Home Rule question, it will mark the termination of the sway of the Conservative party even if it does not cause the complete disintegration of the old historic parties.

The "Petite Republique" thinks that it is very improbable that the Cabinet will recover from such a terrible blow as the resignation of the three Ministers yesterday. In the opinion of the "Eclair" Mr. Chamberlain's purpose is to hasten the appeal to the country. The "Petit Parisien also foresees a General Election before long and the disappearance of the present Cabinet, for it says Mr. Balfour will not be able to do anything after the resignation of Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Chamberlain—Reuter

BRUSSELS.

Brussels, Friday.—Most of the Belgian papers this morning express a doubt whether Mr. Balfour's Cabinet can last without Mr. Chamberlain. The belief is freely expressed that Mr. Chamberlain will soon be back to power in a stronger position than ever.—Central News.

REGRET IN THE COLONIES.

CHAMBERLAIN WILL ULTIMATELY WIN

Melbourne Friday—Sir Edmund Barton the Federal Premier has sent the following telegram to Mr. Chamberlain Your great policy commands the support of Australia. We know you will persevere. Sir Edmund declared in an interview that Mr. Chamberlain would ultimately win—Reuter.

AN OPPONENT'S VIEW

Sydney Friday—Mr Reid, the Free Trade leader announcing Mr. Chamberlain's resignation while addressing a meeting to-day, said that whilst he admired Mr. Chamberlain as one of our greatest statesmen his fiscal proposal was one calculated to work enormous misery and distress to the British Empire. It was therefore with feelings of thankfulness and delight that he made the announcement that Mr. Chamberlain had resigned.—Reuter.

SURPRISE AND DISMAY IN NATAL.

A Durban telegram through Reuter says: The news of the Cabinet crisis, and particularly of the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain has been received here with surprise and dismay. The Colonial Secretary's retirement is considered likely to deal a severe blow to the tide of prosperity which seemed to be impending in Natal

MR. CHAMBERLAIN INVITED TO CHICAGO.

Chicago Friday.—The Illinois Manufacturers' Association through the State Department forwarded on July 21 a letter to Mr. Chamberlain inviting him to address the Association at such time this year as would be best his convenience adding: The presentation of your views in Chicago would attract world wide attention and cause wholesome discussion and result in a better understanding of the trade relationship of the two countries. The Committee of the Association telegraphed to Mr. Chamberlain expressing the hope that his freedom from public duties would assure his acceptance of their invitation—Reuter.

COLONIAL MESSAGE TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

MR SEDDON'S GLOWING TRIBUTE.

The following telegrams from the Colonies to Mr Chamberlain have been received at the Colonial Office:—

"Wellington, Saturday.—To the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, London.—Though Colonies losing best Secretary of State and friend we ever had, sincerely believe you have under extraordinary conditions obtaining at home, acted wisely, and will be able to do more for closer union as citizen untrammelled than as Secretary of States. Do not be discouraged. To obtain reforms ever entails great sacrifice. Your chivalrous action and sacrifice for Empire never be forgotten, and must prove beneficial. Intend shortly proceeding with preferential proposals.—Signed Seddon."

Mr. Cooper, Mayor of Brisbane, telegraphs to Mr. Chamberlain as follows:—"Brisbane, Townsville, Bundaberg, Charters Towers, Cairns, Croydon, Gladstone, Gympie Hughenden, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough; Mount Morgan, Rome, Toowoomba, Warwick all principal governing bodies this State desire congratulate your patriotic action interests Empire.—(Signed) Corrie Mayor of Brisbane."—Reuter.

The prime Ministers of Natal telegraphed on September 21:—"Ministers have learned with great regret of your resignation of office. They desire to convey to you their high appreciation of the work carried out by you on behalf of South Africa and the Empire and their thanks for the courteous and appreciative consideration given by you to all matters relating to Natal.

The President of the Bulawayo Chamber of Mines cabled:—"Chamber of Mines hears with great regret of your resignation from the Cabinet, as we feel that Rhodesia and Africa generally loses thereby a strong supporter. We are sincerely in accordance with your fiscal policy, which must undoubtedly strengthen the bonds existing between England and the Empire.

From Wellington comes the following—"The House of Representatives of New Zealand have this day passed the following resolution: 'That this House desires to express its great regret at this retirement from office, and to place on record its appreciation of the distinguished patriotic services rendered to the Empire by the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain as Secretary of State for the Colonies, to whom we owe the inauguration of a great Colonial policy, which he carried out with conspicuous tact and ability, thus securing cordial relationship and mutual unders anding between the Colonies and the Mother country to the great advantage of the Empire.'—Arthur Robert Guinness, Speaker."

The following is from the Canadian Manufacturers Association, Toronto:—"The Canadian Manufacturers' Association in annual convention desires to express deep regret at your with drawal from Cabinet This Association has followed your proposals with greatest solicitude, and hopes your efforts to adapt Great Britain's fiscal policy to existing conditions will continue to be vigorously prosecuted."

Lord Tennyson, Governor-General of the Australian Common-wealth, has cabled to Mr. Chamberlain as follows:—"Much as I regret for myself your resigning, I cannot regret it for the Empire, as in your opinion, resignation will help towards the closer union for which you nobly waited."

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. on Saturday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Deaths	Death from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	1
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umerkhadi and Dongri	1	2	16
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	1	0	11
D Khetwadi, Girgaum Chowpatti, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	2	1	8
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Naspada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Naspada	0		14
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	7
G Mahim and Worli	1	1	3
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	1	6
Total	5	5	66
Same date last year	20	13	143

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	2	1	6
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	7	5	25
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada,	3	2	15
D Khotwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	0	0	9
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Naspada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla, and 1st Naspada	2	1	13
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	1	1
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	6
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	1	2
Total	14	11	77
Total plague deaths to date	263,338	215,391	
Same date last year	13	13	130

THE SITUATION IN EUROPE.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

Sept. 12.—CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 17 "Reuter".—Austria and Russia have addressed a circular to the other Powers expressing their resolution, notwithstanding recent events in Macedonia, to proceed with their reform scheme. This action has excited some comment here at the inadequate character of the Austro-Russian scheme is considered to be in a large measure responsible for the present situation in the Balkans.

It is understood that negotiations are proceeding between Great Britain, France and Italy with a view to formulating proposals for the introduction of reforms to meet the situation in Macedonia.

The "Times" correspondent at Sarnakov says that the number of Macedonian emigrants and refugees along the frontier increases daily and is now estimated at about 20,000. The Turks are said to have set fire to the forests in many places, both in the Rilo and the Perim Mountains, and enormous devastation has resulted. The Bulgarian reservists are responding with alacrity to the summons for mobilisation. According to advices received by the correspondent from Monastir, the Turkish official reports with regard to the pacification of the vilayet are not to be relied on. Fighting is taking place every day.

Solonika telegrams report an attack by a Rediff battalion at Mitrovitsa on some Christian gendarmes of whom several were killed, while the rest fled to the Russian consulate where they are besieged. Further fighting is said to have taken place in the Dibeitsa district and near Melnik.

The report of the wholesale massacre and destruction at Kastoria is confirmed in despatches received in Sofia yesterday, but the estimates of the loss of life vary largely, and it is now hoped that it has been much less than was at first feared.

September 21.—The "Standard" correspondent at Constantinople telegraphed on Saturday:—

Several informants whom I consider trustworthy, who have arrived in the course of the last few days from various parts of Bulgaria, state that in that country it is rapidly becoming a question of a declaration of war or a revolution against the Prince. He almost alone, is endeavouring to stem the ever-rising tide of popular feeling which, while in the first place one of sympathy with sufferers of the same race in Macedonia, also bleeds natural aspirations, political ambitions, and individual recklessness in one Drang nach Osten. It is now certain that the mobilisation affects 36,000 men. One significant item given me by an informant coming direct from the place in question on the coast is that a survey is being made for a fortified camp capable of holding 180,000 men. The Bulgarian engineers are being assisted by six Russian Volunteer officers. Except as regards the size of the camp, I believe the information to be correct.

M. Zinovieff had a short audience of the Sultan yesterday, and was followed by the German Ambassador, who remained over an hour, preparatory to leaving to-day for a 10 days' visit to Berlin. His return about a month ago coincided with a significant change in Turkish action and attitude, and there is no reason to alter the view expressed in my recent telegram that the Sultan is receiving considerable comfort and encouragement from Berlin. There are also, however, good grounds for believing that Russia is not unaware of this or inclined to leave Germany in command of the game.

The Macedonian Greeks are now positively stated to be working in harmony with the Bulgarians, and the Serbs are preparing to organise.

"A seemingly serious attempt is about to be made by Turkey," states the Sofia correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," to ease her strained relations with Bulgaria. The correspondent says that Turkey is convinced that the present Bulgarian Cabinet is actuated by a genuine desire to avoid a conflict and to arrange a workable modus vivendi:—

The proposals made by the Porte seem calculated, if honestly meant and thoroughly carried out, to supply a welcome basis for an amicable understanding. The Sultan is apparently willing to issue stringent orders that the troops shall henceforward spare the property and the lives of the unarmed population of the disturbed provinces, and simultaneously to proclaim a species of local autonomy, while refusing to place the government of the three vilayets in the hands of a semi-independent Christian Governor-General, or to permit the establishment of international control as understood by the insurgents. According to this scheme the district units would be practically self-governing, the organisation of the police would be in their hands as well as that of the lower courts of justice, corresponding to our magistrates' courts. Local education, the maintenance and protection of public roads, and various other matters affecting the security of life and property, and agriculture and commercial prosperity, would be therefore settled in a sense favourable to the inhabitants of the disturbed provinces.

To the all-important question which naturally arises in all cases of reforms offered by Turkey, Who will supervise by the execution of the scheme if international control be eliminated? the reply is supplied the proposal that a Mixed Commission shall be formed as an intermediary between the Ottoman Government and the inhabitants of the three vilayets. This commission would be composed of Turks, Macedonian Bulgarians, Greeks and Wallachians, as representing all the racial elements of country known as Macedonia. The Slav element would be in a majority on the commission, as it is in the population. The body in question would not be invested with legislative powers, nor would its functions be administrative. It would serve primarily as a consulting council, which would be heard by the Porte on all matters affecting legislation and administration to whose recommendations due weight would be given by the advisers of the Sultan.

A Christian member would probably, states the correspondent, act as president, and be also read access to the Sultan, whenever circumstances might arise calling for special measures.

The "Times" correspondent reports that the revolt has broken out in the districts of Melnik and Demirhissar. The Greeks of Melnik are reported to be joining.

A Reuter despatch from Constantinople says that the Sultan, replying to representations made by the Russian Ambassador at an audience on Friday, expressed his regret for recent excesses committed by Ottoman troops and said that orders had been issued to prevent their recurrence. To the German Ambassador his Majesty declared that, as the insurrection was drawing to a close, the Porte would immediately resume the application of the reform scheme. It is reported that the Powers—with the exception of Great Britain which consider such a step inopportune—have supported the declaration of Austria and Russia to Bulgaria that, in the event of war with Turkey, she could not except help from any quarter. The feeling of reassurance manifested in high Turkish circles is explained by the fact that certain Powers have given Turkey a free hand to suppress the insurrection rigorously and quickly.

At a Cabinet Council held in Paris on Saturday, M. Delcasse is reported to have announced that Russia and Austria-Hungary had manifested the firm intention only to intervene in Macedonia for the purpose of hastening the execution of the reforms they had demanded, and that the other Powers would support their efforts.

September 22.—Berlin, September 21.—The following note, which appears to be a semi-official communication, is published by the "National Zeitung":—

The Russian Government, to which gratitude is due, made the suggestion that the Great Powers of Europe could warn the Government at Sofia not to support the action of the Macedonian Committees in any way whatsoever. The diplomatic representative of Russia has, moreover, it is understood, made a communication in this sense to the Bulgarian Government, and the diplomatic representatives of other Powers have ranged themselves on the side of their Russian colleague, on the other hand, the Ambassadors at Constantinople have informed the Turkish Government that they hold to the programme agreed upon between the Governments of Russia and Austria-Hungary.

The "Times" Sofia correspondent says that the decisive attitude taken up by the Bulgarian Government has apparently strengthened the pacific intentions of the Sultan, and it has been suggested that Turkey would not be unwilling to renew the negotiations with the Petroff Cabinet which were broken off in the summer. But, says the correspondent, note, not words, on the part of Turkey will alone save the situation.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Standard" telegraphs:—

The writer of a letter from Rome to the Munich Allgemeine Zeitung lays stress on the fact that a portion of the Italian Press continues more and more to ignore the existence of the Triple Alliance, to stigmatise Austria-Hungary as the "hereditary enemy," and to criticise her Balkan policy in a most unfriendly manner.

Close attention is paid here to the long reports published in Vienna about the Conferences between the Austrian and German Emperors and their Chancellors. These reports are reproduced in full and are read with keen interest.

The Standard correspondent telegraphed from Constantinople;—

A telegram, which was privately circulated yesterday, stated, that the British Squadron has been ordered to Turkish waters. On inquiry, however, I believe I am correct in saying that no such order has been issued, but four or five ships have been instructed to keep in touch with each other in the close neighbourhood of such ports as Salonica, and similar orders have been given to three French warships; from which it is inferred that the two Powers are acting and will act in harmony if occasion requires.

Sept. 23.—General Petroff, the Bulgarian Premier, had an interview yesterday morning at Sofia with the Ottoman Commissioner, at which an understanding was arrived at that Turkey should guarantee protection to the Macedonian refugees now in Bulgaria, and should take steps to reinstate them in their homes. As a result the feeling in Sofia was more hopeful yesterday; but the Bulgarian Government is strengthening its forces on the frontiers.

The "Times" Paris correspondent says the Ministerial crisis in Great Britain could scarcely have happened at a more unfortunate moment, so far as the foreign situation is concerned and quotes French opinions that the prestige of the Cabinet, diminished after Lord Salisbury's retirement, has gone with Mr. Chamberlain's resignation. The "Paris Temps" yesterday evening published a vigorous article in condemnation of the attitude of Russia and Austria-Hungary in regard to the Macedonian troubles. M. de Lanessan, ex-Minister of Marine, reiterates similar views in the Siecle.

The Vienna correspondent of the "Times" telegraphs (Sept. 22):—

The Note delivered yesterday by the Servian Foreign Minister to the Turkish representative was verbal. It protested against the accusation that Servia had organised and equipped armed bands to operate in Macedonia, and demanded the withdrawal of the Turkish troops concentrated near Vranis. Unless these troops were withdrawn the Note threatened a counter-concentration of Servian troops. A despatch from Belgrade to the "Neue Freie Presse" declares it to be the object of this Note to provide a justification for the mobilisation of the reserves ordered for the 28th inst. Unless financial obstacles arise, 90,000 men will then be under arms in Servia.

A Reuter telegram from Constantinople asserts that the relations between Turkey and Bulgarias are becoming more strained every day. The Sofia correspondent telegraphs:—

Dr. Christo Tatscheff president of the Macedonian organisations, to-day informed me that the revolutionary committees attach no importance to the negotiations going on between the Turkish and Bulgarian Governments. The Porte, he considered was only entering upon these conferences in order to gain time to complete the extermination of what it regarded as the dangerous elements in Macedonia to have the troops now in Macedonia, free to move against Bulgaria and to bring more soldiers from Asia.

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE—SEPTEMBER 21.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Lieut Col F A Blyth 10th Lancers B
Major M Cowper 10th Lancers B
Major H W Campbell 18th Lancers B
Lieut W R Lawrenson 2th M I
Capt W S Jacob 16th Bo I
Lieut J P May 2nd Bo I
Lieut Col F W Snell I A
Major T H Hardy 2nd Inf, Hyd Cont
Major J P Doyle D S O, I M S
Capt J H Anderson East Lancashire Regt, Moulmein Volunteers
Lieut G H Finnis R I M
2nd Lieut J A H Britton Devon Regt
Major J J G Turner 4th B Lancers
Major M A Tighe B
Mr C F Grant B Cov
Mr C L Alexander B Cov
Mr W H L Cobell B Cov
Mr H Nunn B Cov
Mr R H Macleod B Cov
Mr S M Fraser C I E, B Cov
Mr G H Cockman B
Mr F J Goetel B
Mr H E A Wakefield B
Mr J W A McNair B
Mr W H Dobbie B
Mr A P Percival B
Mr C H Barratt B
Mr C C Fink B
Mr J L Heffernan B
Mr C Goodsill B
Mr J G Paterson B
Mr W G Wedderspoon B
Mr C T H Johnson M Cov
Mr H S Duncan M
Mr H S O'Connell M
Mr T H Puddephatt M
Lieut Col G J Mellies V C 1st Bo Grenadiers
Major T D C Barry I M S Bo
Capt T A F R Udall Bo
Capt H C Hill 10th Bo Light Inf
Lieut C O Morris 5th Bo Light Inf
Mr R H Boyd Bo
Mr W L B Souter Bo
Mr T W de Winton Bo
Capt W H F Basevi 31st Burma Light Inf
Lieut R C Alexander D S O 1st P I
Lieut F T Duhan 19th P I
Brig Gen F S Hawtkin I A
Lieut Col D W Purdon 3rd Ind Cav
Lieut Col E Blunt R E
Major G A Leslie R E
Major H C B Dann I A
Major G G L Holland 34th Pioneers
Major C F G Young 6th Jat Light Inf
Major H D McInnyre 2-10th Bo Rifles
Capt N R I Rainier I M S
Capt F H Playfair Hampshire Regt
Capt C S Lowson I M S
Capt E R Morton 47th Sikhs
Lieut G L Forteath R I M
Lieut E P Campbell R I M
Lieut R Gardiner 3rd Sikh Inf
Senior Nursing Sister Miss A Bolster Q A M N S I

EXTENSIONS OF LEAVE.

Capt J L Furney 22nd P I, 3 mo M C
Lieut Col C M Fitzgerald I A, 3 mo M C
Major F H Taylor 3rd Sikhs, 6 mo M C
Major H Comins I A, 2 mo M C
Major C S Williams 23rd Goorkha Rifles, 5 mo M C
Capt A F Cumberlege R E 1 year
Capt A H O Spence 2nd Central India Horse, 6 mo M C
Lieut C J G Bird 47th Sikhs, 4 mo M C
Lieut E J Constant R I M S mo M C

PERMITTED TO RETURN.

Major H Li Roberts 1st B Lancers
Major E de V Wintle 15th B Lancers
Lieut C U G Walker 27th M I
Lieut C G A Gott 7th Bo Lancers
Capt F B Hill 45th P I
Capt A G de V Chichester 29th P I
Capt A W James 29th P I
Lieut I M L ttle 26th P I
Lieut Col G Bomford I M S
Lieut Col C H Dawson I A
Major G S Leonard 5th Inf Hyd Cont
Major H G C Swayne R E
Capt d'A C Brownlow I A
Capt W E R Dickson R E
Capt W C Fresch 2-3rd Goorkha Rifles
Capt H C C Ducat 2-4th Goorkha Rifles
Capt K N Obard I A
Capt C M Guthrie Smith 1-10th Goorkha Rifles
Capt J A Hamilton I M S
Capt A Rolland R E
Capt C B Greenstreet R E
Lieut C Reed I A
Lieut A P Sandeman 1st Goorkha Rifles
Lieut R C Nicolay 2nd Bo Rifles
Lieut J O'Neill P W D
Lieut H E Weekes West India Regt
Lieut J A D Langhorne R A

From Sept 21 to Sept 25,

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Mr C W Bolton B Cov
Sir A Fraser K C S I, B
Mr A E Adie B
Mr H T Gwyther B
Mr B J Ghosh B
Major R R Renton 8th Madras Rifles
Major M E Carthew Jorstoun 4th Bo Cav
Mr F G Collett Bo
Major G B French I M S
Lieut P B Kemble 4th Rajpoots
Lieut H de Le Pollard Lowsley R E
Nursing Sister M E Katsch Q A M N S I

EXTENSIONS OF LEAVE.

Lieut Col A M Renny 7th B Lancers till Dec 7, 1903
Capt A B Battye 6th B Cav, 1 mo
Lieut W K Bourne 2nd B Lancers, 6 weeks
Mr C P Hart I. C. Cov, 1 Week's extraordinary leave
Mr G Balthasar B Cov 6 mo M C
Mr J Cowie B, 2 mo furl
Mr T G Acres B, 1 mo M C
Mr R Brooks 18, 3 mo extraordinary leave
Mr W Hall B, 3 mo furl
Sir A U Fanshawe K C I E, C S I, B, 2 mo M C
Mr W K Johnson B, 2 mo M C
Mr E Dawson B, 6 mo extraordinary leave (cancels return)
Major C L Williams I M S, M, 4 mo M C
Capt C V N Lyne 18th M I, 1 mo M C
Mr J F Bryant M Cov, 2 mo M C
Mr H S Duncan M, 14 days' furl
Mr C L Bittle M, 3 mo M C
Mr H H O'Connell M 1 mo furl
Capt P H Cunningham 1st D I, 2 mo M C
Mr C G Henderson Bo Cov, special leave commuted to furl on M C and extended 2 mo
Mr J H E Tupper Bo Cov, 4 mo M C
Lieut Col A L M Turner I A, till April 1, 1904
Lieut Col G T Thomas I M S, 3 mo
Major W S P Ricketts I M S, 3 mo M C
Major T S Young I A, 2 mo M C
Major G L H Sanders I A, 2 mo M C
Second Lieut C O Hay attached 2nd Oxford Light Inf, mo M C
Engineer B R M Brebner R I M, 2 mo M C

PERMITTED TO RETURN.

Lieut Col J H Balfour 13th B Lancers
Major J G Turner 4th B Lancers
Major M A Tighe B
Mr C F Grant B Cov
Mr C L Alexander B Cov
Mr W H L Cobell B Cov
Mr H Nunn B Cov
Mr R H Macleod B Cov
Mr S M Fraser C I E, B Cov
Mr G H Cockman B
Mr F J Goetel B
Mr H E A Wakefield B
Mr J W A McNair B
Mr W H Dobbie B
Mr A P Percival B
Mr C H Barratt B
Mr C C Fink B
Mr J L Heffernan B
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Major T D C Barry I M S Bo
Capt T A F R Udall Bo
Capt H C Hill 10th Bo Light Inf

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, OCTOBER 11.

SUNDAY.—The storm in the Gangetic Plain has continued filling up and is now only shallow, the residual depression lying over Allahabad and Benares districts. Light to moderate showers have fallen in the United Provinces and Assam and only few light scattered showers elsewhere. Bahraich has received 2 inches, Dibrugarh and Patna 1 1-2; Sibsagar, Gorakhpur and Allahabad 1. The barometer has fallen slightly to briskly over the South Bay where conditions continue slightly unsettled. Showers are probable during the day in the east of the United Provinces, Bihar and Chota Nagpur.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON SATURDAY, THE 10TH OCTOBER.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes show a brisk to rapid rise in Central India, Bear and at Agra, Jhansi, Jaipar, Ajmer, Ahmedabad, Deesa, Sangor, Hoshangabad, Khandwa, Surat and Malegaon and a slight rise or fall elsewhere. The barometer is about two to three-tenths below normal in the United Provinces.

Winds are cyclonic in the Central and United Provinces, Rajputana and very variable in direction elsewhere. The force has been fresh to strong at Jamnagar, Indore, Jhansi, Amraoti, Poona, Aurangabad and Belgaum.

Temperature.—The greatest departures are:—Maximum from 5° to 17° in defect in the United Provinces and at Delhi, Ajmer, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Veraval, Sangor, Jubbulpore, Nagpur and Surat and the minimum 6° in excess at Cawnpore. The maximum varied from 106° at Jacobabad to 78° at Agra and the minimum from 78° at Masulipatam to 62° at Ahmednigar.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is more or less cloudy in many places but shows a tendency to clear. Humidity changes are unimportant.

Rainfall has been local and scattered, the chief amounts being 2·7" at Cawnpore 1·57" at Agra and 1,04" at Ratnagiri.

Weather.—The depression which was yesterday, central over Jhansi seems to be moving in a north-north-easterly direction and to be slowly filling up. Weather is unsettled in the United Provinces; but, the depressions will not now affect the Bombay Presidency. Fine weather is probable.

Simla report of the 6th October states "that another very large spot group appeared yesterday on the eastern limb of the Sun and has greatly increased in size to-day. Spectrum observations are weak owing to cloud."

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S PROPOSAL.

TARIFF SCHEME OUTLINED.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES PREPARED TO TREAT.

Two reasons weighed with Mr. Chamberlain in resigning his position as a Cabinet Minister. He was not prepared to continue in office on the understanding that only the retaliation part of his scheme should be advocated as a Government policy, because he holds that the question of a preferential arrangement with the Colonies is quite as urgent. He was equally undesirous of bringing about a wider split in the Cabinet than has taken place, and the possible resignation of the Government. He also appreciated that the issues are as yet imperfectly understood, if not misunderstood, and plainer speaking would be required than might be desirable from a member of the Government. Had his proposals been regarded in the light he had intended there need have been no Cabinet disruption He had repeatedly said, and Mr. Balfour gave the same assurance, that no action would be taken until the next General Election, and it ought to have been possible to come to an arrangement which would have kept the Government intact until the time arrived for going to the country.

SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Chamberlain, we believe, desires that those who are of his way of thinking will not hamper the Government. Full support to the present Ministry will not be in any way inconsistent with allegiance to the standard which the ex-Colonial Secretary has raised. There is no reason so far as fiscal matters are concerned why the Government should not continue in office for some time yet. The only vital question with which the Government is immediately concerned is that of reform at the War Office, and although they do not agree that all criticisms are just, they recognise the necessity for immediate action. Mr. Arnold-Forster's selection for the War Office is to be regarded as the beginning of the reforms. They will be followed up by others, the Government having decided to give effect to a number of recommendations of the War Commission. The Government consider that it would be unwise to instal Lord Kitchener at the War Office at present for more reasons than one.

Mr. Chamberlain is to set the example of doing nothing in the immediate future that may be regarded as antagonistic to Mr. Balfour's Ministry. He has no intention of gathering around him a new party, and he does not wish to see members labelled "Balfourites" or "Chamberlainites" as the case may be. He has, moreover, we believe, refused to give his approval at the present juncture to such a distinction being drawn in connection with candidates at the next general election. All this will be in good time when and if the circumstances warrant.

A MANDATE FOR PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS WANTED.

But while Mr. Chamberlain does not wish to embarrass the present Government in any safely be said that he will work for the return sooner or later of a party armed with a mandate to consider a scheme which will include preferential tariffs as well as measures for retaliation. He is convinced of the necessity for both. Our export trade seems to be only stationary. The increase in the Colonial section of it has kept up the total, but Mr Chamberlain is to be able to show during his autumn campaign not only that there is likely to be little further increase in our Colonial trade under present conditions, but that there are indications of a serious decline in the future.

It is not Mr. Chamberlain's intention, we understand, to place a cut and dried scheme either for preferential tariffs or for retaliation before the country. It would be quite impossible to do so. Details must of necessity be worked out by means of negotiations. To decide without consultation with the Colonies or negotiations with fore

NOTES FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE."

ADMIRALTY, SEPT. 14.

The undermentioned Chief Gunners have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in his Majesty's fleet.—T Owens, R Walsh.

SEPTEMBER 16

In accordance with the provisions of her late Majesty's Order in Council of Sept 15 1887—Chief Carpenter E Earl has been granted the relative rank of Lieutenant on retirement.

SEPTEMBER 17

Royal Naval Reserve.—Lieut F Davies has been placed on the Retired List at his own request, with permission to assume the rank of Commander.

WAR OFFICE, SEPT 18

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Maj-Gen W J Stuart to be Colonel-Commandant.

REGIMENT DISTRICT.

Col C H Kelly, from half pay to command the 34th Regimental District (the Border Reg)

LINE BATTALIONS.

The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Reg)—Lieut P Whetham to be Captain.

The Royal Warwickshire Regt—The undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains—J H D Costeker D S O W M Darvill G B Marriot.

The York and Lancaster Reg—Lieut H Edmeades to be Captain

The Prince of Wales's Leinster Regt (Royal Canadians)—Capt A Canning to be Major

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieut Col E H Fenn C I E to be Colonel.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Rewards for services during operations in South Africa —Capt A J H Carstairs to be Major.

War Office Pall Mall, 25th September.

2nd Dragoon, The appointment of Captain Harold B Towse is confirmed, his period of probation having expired.

4th Hussars, Second Lieutenant A E H Brasilla to be Lieutenant, vice T E Friar, resigned. Dated 2nd September, 1903.

6th Dragoons, Lieutenant Fergus B Nixon to be Adjutant, vice Captain R B Johnson, D S O, who has resigned that appointment. Dated 1st August 1903.

14th Hussars, Lieutenant William R Campbell, D S O, Adjutant to be Captain, to complete establishment. Dated 27th June, 1903.

Lieutenant Thomas James resigns the Commission Dated 26th September, 1903.

Lieutenant Charles J Stephen resigns his Commission. Dated 26th September, 1903.

15th Hussars, Second Lieutenant H E Norton to be Lieutenant, vice F H Sykes, seconded for service with the West African Regiments. Dated 29th July, 1903.

2 Lancers, Riding Master and Honorary Lieutenant M K Cockburn is cashiered by sentence of a General Court-Martial. Dated 28th August, 1903.

Riding-Master and Honorary Lieutenant C. Gilbert, from the 17th Lancers, to be Riding-Master, vice M. K. Cockburn. Dated 26th September, 1903.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Major (District Officer) William Pickup is retained as a Supernumerary to the Establishment, under the provisions of Article 105, Royal Warrant 26th October, 1900. Dated 4th September, 1903.

Captain (District Officer) Michael J. Long to be Major (District Officer), vice W. Pickup. Dated 4th September, 1903.

Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery. Captain and Brevet Major Colin N. Buchanan-Dunlop is seconded for service under the Colonial Office. Dated 27th August, 1903.

The undermentioned Lieutenant resign their Commissions. Dated 26th September, 1903:—

William P. S. Jones.

Norman Ramsay.

Supernumerary Second Lieutenant Joseph I D'Arcy to be Second Lieutenant, vice C. A. Mortimore, promoted. Dated 24th July, 1903.

The date on which Major A. Capel-Cure is placed on half-pay is 28th August, 1903, and not as stated in the Gazette of 8th September, 1903.

Royal Garrison Artillery, Major Arthur C T Bolton to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice H P Hickman, appointed to the Staff. Dated 18th August, 1903.

Captain Julian C de K Bruce-Kingsmill retires from the Service, receiving a gratuity and is permitted to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform. Dated 26th September, 1903.

Captain Richard C Chartres retires from the Service, receiving a gratuity. Dated 26th September, 1903

The undermentioned Captains are seconded:—

Edward W Comyn, for service as Adjutant of Militia Artillery. Dated 25th August, 1903.

William F T Corris for service on the Staff Dated 31st August 1903.

Charles Inglis, for service as Adjutant of Militia Artillery. Dated 1st September, 1903.

Austin H W Haywood, for service under the Colonial Office. Dated 5th September, 1903.

The undermentioned Supernumerary Captain to be Captains:—

Thomas R Phillips, vice E W Comyn Dated 26th August, 1903.

Alexander A McHardy, D S O vice F W T Corris seconded Dated 31st August, 1903.

Lieutenant Athelstane C Gunter is seconded for service with the Native Mountain Artillery, India Dated 27th August, 1903.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Lieutenant Sidney T Cargill, from temporary half-pay, to be Lieutenant with precedence next below Lieutenant F L N Giles Dated 24th August, 1903.

GRENADIER GUARDS.

Second Lieutenant J F Hubbard resigns his Commission on account of ill-health Dated 26th September, 1903.

IRISH GUARDS.

Supernumerary Captain Hervey R Bruce to be Captain, vice R P D S Chichester, resigned Dated 12th September, 1903.

REGIMENTAL DISTRICT.

Colonel C. R. Townley, from 34th Regimental District (The Border Regiment), to command the 12th Regimental District (The Suffolk Regiment) vice Colonel R T E Dowse, who has vacated that appointment. Dated 10th September, 1903.

LINE BATTALIONS.

The Prince Albert's (Somersetshire Light Infantry, Lieutenant Arthur H Yatman to be Captain, vice E F Cooke Hurle, seconded. Dated 16th July, 1903.

The Leicestershire Regiment, Second Lieutenant W P T Ferris to be Lieutenant, vice J Bacchus seconded for service with the West African Regiment. Dated 18th July 1903.

The Royal Irish Regiment The promotion to the rank or Captain of Lieutenant Frederic M Watkins which was notified in the Gazettes of 7th September, 1900, and 11th December 1900, is cancelled that Officer having been transferred to the Army Pay Department with an anterior date.

Lieutenant Llewellyn W. M. Lloyd resigns his Commission. Dated 26th September, 1903.

Lieutenant Charles James Burke, from 4th Battalion, The Royal Dublin Fusiliers, to be Second Lieutenant Dated 26th September, 1903.

The Royal Scots Fusiliers, Brevet Major Hugh M Trenchand, from Supernumerary Captain, to be Captain, vice C. J. C. Barrot, appointed Adjutant. Dated 12th September, 1903.

The Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Lieutenant Sir Francis C. R. Paice, Bart, resigns his Commission. Dated 26th September, 1903.

The Worcestershire Regiment, Lieutenant Leslie C. Dorman to be Captain, vice R. P. H. Monro, second Dated 22nd March, 1903.

The East Surrey Regiment, Second Lieutenant T. A Davis to be Lieutenant, vice C. F. Colquhoun, promoted, Dated 24th April, 1903

The border regiment, Lieutenant John C. D. Spedding is seconded for service in the Army Pay Department. Dated 5th September, 1903.

The Hampshire Regiment, Second Lieutenant J D'A Beckett to be Lieutenant, vice H W Man promoted, Dated 2nd September, 1903

The Dorsetshire Regiment, Captain Barrington F P Pratt-Barlow retires on retired pay, Dated 26th September, 1903.

Supernumeray Captain Arthur G Fitz R Day to be Captain, vice B F P Pratt-Barlow. Dated 26th September, 1903.

Second Lieutenant J C S Rendall to be Lieutenant, vice J Dauncey, promoted. Dated 1st July, 1903.

The Welsh Regiment, Lieutenant George H Stevenson to be Captain, vice O B Pritchard, seconded. Dated 1st June, 1903.

Second Lieutenant G H S Williams resigns his Commission, Dated 25th September 1903.

Osbert R L Hampden, vice C O Chichester, retired Dated 2nd September, 1903.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Thomas Ivey to be Quartermaster with the honorary rank of Lieutenant, vice Honorary Major G Williams retired Dated 26th September 1903.

Second Lieutenant Walter James, 3rd Battalion, The Leicestershire Regiment, to be Second Lieutenant Dated 26th September, 1903.

The Royal Irish Rifles, Quartermaster and Honorary Major T Pike is placed on retired pay Dated 15th September, 1903.

The Connaught Rangers, Second Lieutenant M H C De C De B Wickham to be Lieutenant, vice A Wise promoted Dated 21st March 1903.

The Prince of Wale's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians) Lieutenant Richard M Rayneford to be Captain, vice A Canning promoted Dated 27th May 1903.

The Rifle Brigade Captain Bertram G R Oldfield is seconded for service as an Adjutant of Volunteers Dated 1st August 1903.

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 25.

PARALLEL—AND DIFFERENCE.

THE present political crisis has had its prototype as to some of its features. Mr. Chamberlain is not the first Colonial Secretary who has resigned his office over fiscal problems. Huskisson's unpopularity dated from the commercial crisis in the country which his opponents attributed to his Free Trade policy. He, of course, held the exactly opposite view from that of which Mr. Chamberlain is the chief expositor. Curiously enough there was in this instance the Chancellor of the Exchequer involved, but here, instead of the retiring Minister's son filling the vacancy, the office had just previously been offered to the retiring Minister himself. The difficulties culminated in a resignation, effected less harmoniously than has been the case this time. To Wellington, who regarded him as his rival, Huskisson wrote offering to withdraw if the Duke desired it. The Duke treated the letter as an actual resignation, and, in spite of the Free Trader's repudiation insisted in handing it to the King. Huskisson demanded a personal audience of the King, but this was denied him. Certain of his party held that he had imperilled his party by his resignation, and roundly censured him for what they deemed an ill-timed and factitious act.

A TENFOLD RESIGNATION.

Mr. Balfour, in reconstructing his Cabinet, will have fresh in mind a brilliant example of what to avoid. It was a Colonial Administration which was responsible for the lesson. They permitted the session to end on the implied understanding that the Government should not be dissolved during the recess, but when Parliament reassembled there was no Cabinet. It came to light that there had been an agreement signed months earlier, all to resign on a given date. This device, so chillike and bland, had enabled the Ministers to draw their salaries for five months while not in office, and with none to say them nay. Mr Chamberlain's resignation had been in the hands of the Premier seven days before it was given to the world. No doubt Mr. Balfour would feel pretty much as George I, did when Walpole called upon him to relinquish office. There was a mild tussle between Sovereign and Minister. As fast as Wolpole delivered up his seals, George returned them. Ten times he thrust them into his Minister's hat. Walpole did not remain for the eleventh, but bolted.

NOTABLE RESIGNATIONS.

Two recent resignations had no political significance, but were dictated solely by the nice sense of propriety actuating the departing Ministers. Mr. A. J. Mundella quitted Lord Rosebery's Cabinet greatly against the wishes of his chief and colleagues. But he felt that he must go. A company with which he had been associated had got into financial difficulties, and he was President of the Board of Trade at the time. Not a man in the House on either side wished Mr. Hayes Fisher to relinquish the Financial Secretaryship of the Treasury, but we all remember how he honoured himself and added lustre to the traditions of Parliament in his resignation. More notable was a resignation that was expected but did not come—that of Lord Aberdeen, who at the outset was bitterly opposed to the Crimean War which his Cabinet cheerfully entered upon.

TRIUMPH IN DEFEAT.

It is doubtful if Lord Chancellor Westbury had a dozen friends in public life at the time that the Commons carried a resolution of censure against him. But the speech in which he renounced his office was so full of grace and dignity that indignation was turned to sympathy. He retired from public life, but the country was soon glad enough again of his services, and when he died within a few hours of his old rival, Bishop Wilberforce, public sorrow was equally divided.

"FREE!"

Many people will be wondering how Mr. Chamberlain regards his liberty from the office which he has filled for the last eight years. Possibly he will agree with Lord Derby that the happiest days are those on which the seals are received and returned. Lord Rosebery said pretty much the same thing when he was released from his short Premiership. There are two supreme pleasures in life. One is to end, the other real. The ideal is when a man receives the seals of office from the hand of his Sovereign. The real pleasure comes when he hands them back again. Sir John Macdonald announced his resignation of the Canadian Premiership with a Well, that's got along with. What do you mean? asked Lady Macdonald. Why, the Government has resigned, he replied. It's a relief to be out of it. He slipped on a dressing gown and in two minutes was stretched on a couch deep in a novel. A peep behind the scenes might show us the resigned Ministers as little concerned.

A RESURRECTION.

The country is witnessing a revival of an old-time system of advocating by pamphlet a policy and a faith. Until Mr. Chamberlain's organisation with its sixteen million pamphlets urging tariff revision, and his opponents with their sixteen million and one pamphlets urging the reverse, resurrected the pamphlet, it had lain long in oblivion as a means of reaching the public attention. Before the era of the daily and evening paper, and before the removal of the newspaper tax, it was the only medium of communication between leaders of public opinion and the great mass of the nation. Its general rise in England dates back to the latter days of Queen Elizabeth's reign, and has been believed to be like roast beef, of British origin. The French borrowed the term from us as they did our national dish, and they have not altered the orthography of the word. But that the pamphlet itself is of British origin we all know is not the case.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Etymologists have quarrelled over the word and the use and origin of the pamphlet, and no man has satisfactorily proved that he has got down to the source of either in its first form. Although Elizabeth was vexed by the general employment of the pamphlet, she was a sufficiently astute student to recognise that earlier rulers than herself had been subject to similar annoyance, if upon a lesser scale. In a work as to whose authorship there was a quarrel which would have delighted the Shakespeare-Bacon school of controversialists—"Philobiblion," accredited to Richard de Buri, but of which Robert Holkot seems to have been the author, there appeared, temp. 1344, the following illuminating evidence upon the point: "But, indeed, we prefer books to pounds; and we love manuscripts better than florins; and we prefer small pamphlets to war-horses." That being so, the general reader must have been content with sorry substitutes for battle-steeds, for we are informed by an authority of Elizabethan days, that pamphlets being "flying papers daubed over and besmeared with the foam of drunkards, are tossed far and near into the mouths and hands of scoundrels; neither will the sham oracles of Apollo be esteemed so mercenary as a pamphlet.

APOCRYPHAL MIRACLES.

The old Adam possessed the ancient pamphleteer not less than the man who in later days wrote his screeds with skill and guile, certain that in the event of his making a success he would be sure of a State Secretaryship. But the primitive author had less material if more scandalous ends to serve. When Christianity was first spreading north, south, east, and west from Jerusalem, the Jewish Rabbins employed the pamphlet to counteract the effect of the "heretical" teaching. Not to be outdone the early Christian teachers employed similar vehicles for communication with the wavering. One priest was detected in endeavouring to foist upon his flock a pamphlet which he asserted had been written by Christ thrown from heaven, and picked up at the gate of Jerusalem by the Archangel Michael. It was passed from priest to priest, and many copies made until, coming to the hand of Pope Zachary, it was pronounced a forgery. Archbishop Usher, later, found in what purported to be a very ancient treatise upon the life of St. Patrick, a pamphlet taken bodily from works of which he himself was author.

CRADLE DAYS.

The Earl of Hardwicke must be interested in the history of pamphlets. An ancestor of his, the second Earl, was, and in his well-meant zeal succeeded in inadvertently circulating a fabrication which has remained "history" to scores of writers to this day. "For the first printed newspaper mankind are indebted to the wisdom of Elizabeth and the prudence of Elizabeth." From the Earl the dictum issued, was accepted unquestioned, and you may search many a work dealing with the history of the Press without seeing it corrected. The printed newspaper did not exist until long after the period referred to. England had her news pamphlets at which Burton, the author of the Anatomy of Melancholy, girded, and News from Spain, A Relation of all matters done in Bohemia, Austria, Poland, Sletia, France, etc., remain to delight the heart of the collector. There are French, German, and Italian equivalents, too. These were the forerunners of the newspaper of to-day, but their appearance was a rare event, and the political sheet proper was the more common form.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Saga, 699 tons, Captain E Natrig, sailed on Saturday for Bangkok, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Byculla, 1,095 tons, Captain J H Addenbrooke, sailed on Saturday for Moulmein, in ballast.

THE steamer Frome, 2,229 tons, Captain F McKay, sailed on Saturday for Dunkirk, with a general cargo and Mr J H Hayes as a passenger.

THE Asiatic S N Co's steamer Nadir, 2011 tons, Captain A McLennan, sailed on Saturday for Calcutta via coast ports, with a cargo of duty paid salt.

THE Bombay and Persia, S N Co's steamer Naderi, 1,168 tons, Captain J G C Metcalfe, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Mauritius 19th September via Karachi, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dwarka, 758 tons, Captain D L Nielson, sailed on Saturday for Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mrs Morrison, Mr and Miss Jacob, Mrs Turner, Mr Rawson and 110 deck.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kola, 497 tons, Captain J T Hirst, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr and Mrs McKenzie and child, Mrs Hopwood, Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Fairlie, Mr T G Smith, Mr Sokumal, and 23 deck passengers.

MEN-OF-WAR AND ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

H M S Redbreast	Quayle		Royal Navy
Torpedo Boat No. 100			
Do No 102			
Do No 103			

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR. OCT. 10.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Investigator		Comdr T H Heming			R I M
R I M S Dalhousie		Balfour			R I M
Soudan		Henning	Southampton		Transport
Deutschland bq	758	Nacoda			The Captain
Kilora	1491	Forbes			M M & Co
Culna	1464	Kirkham			M M & Co
Shahnoor	2198	Raffin	Cochin		I J S Tajbhoy
Bancoora	2198	Hill			M M & Co
Kohinoor	1935	Mackinnon			T M & Co
N Macleod bq		Cadiere			Captain
Redhill	2501	Dowell			A Monteobott
Valetta	2974	Palmer	Dunkirk		P & O Co
Africa	1302	Pigott			M M & Co
Grantley Hall	2385	Hann			Captain
Flintsia	2555	Kenwick	Japan		P & O Co
Feverio	2361	Dowley			W & A Graham & Co
Khalif	2319	Middleton			K Nixon & Co
Boscombe	3433	Taylor			K Nixon & Co
Secundra	1675	Lawe	Calcutta		M M & Co
Nereo	2412	Kovoovevic			W & A G & Co
Orisa	3525	Fry			M M & Co
King Arthur	1047	Bunel			B & P S N Co
Henzada	1316	Hodgson			M M & Co
Hilarius		Sergent			N F J M & Co
Sealda	3138	Henderson			M M & Co
Reichstag	1319	Oswald	Zanzibar	28-10	A Strandes
Transport Summer		Connan			U S A T
Shirley	2198	Satchell			M M & Co
Kasara	505	McDearmed			M M & Co
S tara	3327	Goes			M M & Co
Kola	497	Hirst			M M & Co
Peninsular	2919	Cubitt			P & O Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
A	Nowshera	1961	Dewing	Natal	13-10	M M & Co
B	Naderi	1168	Metcalfe	R S Ports	15-10	B & P S N Co
C	Chusan	2252	Cooke	China	24-10	P & O Co
D	Virginia	2790	McDougall	Hamburg	24-10	W & A G & Co
F	Asbruf	1203	Newby	N F		H C Joosub
G	Mozaffari	1387	Moloney	P Gulf	15-10	B & P S N Co
H	Eidsvold	2232	Hatleburg	Stettin	14-10	K N & Co
M	Islands	3331	Anderson	Transport		M M & Co
N	Nankin	2557	Robert	Barbora	14-10	Transport
P	Wensleydale	2609	Sharpe	Hamburg	2-10	M M & Co
Q	Safari	993	Winiker	Zanzibar	13-10	A Strandes

VICTORIA DOCK

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
1	Dumra	762	Rickford	Karachi	12-10	M M & Co
2	Merton Hall	2768	Prowse	Karachi	13-10	K N & Co
3	R Rubattino	3014	Saporiti	Genoa	15-10	R S N Co
4	Ischia	2784	Maganzini	China	17-10	F Cooroo
12	Caledonia	3329	Tocque	London	17-10	P & O Co
15	Beckenham	2387	Raeburn	Genoa	24-10	W & A G & Co
13	Jeseric	3114	Shatton	Antwerp	13-10	W & A G & Co

MERSEWEATHER DRY DOCK.

Mohammadi	1252	Galley	Singapore	14-10	B & P S N Co

ARRIVALS.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
10	Peninsular s	Cubitt	Aden, Oct 4
	Kola s	Hirst	Karachi, Oct 8
	Naderi s	Metcalfe	Mauritius, Sept 19
	Izumi Maru s	Yogi	Kobe, Sept 13

DEPARTURES.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
10	Highlander s	Dawson	Karachi
	Dwarka s	Nielson	Karachi
	H I M S Clio	Beauchamp	Karachi
	Oriental s	Spicer	Aden
	Byculla s	Hatenbrok	Moulmein
	Nadir s	McLennan	Calcutta, &c
	Frome s	McKay	Dunkirk
	Saga s	Natrig	Bangkok
	U S A T Sumner	Corran	Aden

The following vessels entered for loading on Saturday:—

Steamer Nadir, for Jeddah.
" Orissa, for Calcutta.
" Kola, for Persian Gulf.
" Peninsular, for Aden.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

ADEN, OCTOBER 9.

The British India Steam Navigation Company's steamer Goorka left here yesterday.

LONDON, OCTOBER 9.

The P and O Company's steamer Arabia arrived at Plymouth yesterday morning.

The Messageries Maritimes Company s.s. Nera left Aden for Bombay on the 10th at noon and is expected here on the 15th at 3 p.m.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Ballarat is expected to arrive in Bombay from China at 8 a.m. on Monday.

DAILY EXPORTS.—OCTOBER 10.

FOR LONDON.

Caledonia s—1400 cwt wheat Ralli Brothers; 5 bales carpets K B Sajon; 30 cwt fishmaws A Obagia and Co; 210 cwt chutney Framjee Nowrojee; 42 bales hides and skins E M Kooka; 15 bales skins H M Abba.

FOR ANTWERP.

Jeseric s—150 bales cotton waste and fly Pragjee Heerjee and Co.

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FOR HAMBURG.

Wensleydale s—350 cwt rapeseed Ralli Brothers; 4000 cwt rapeseed Tata and Co; 50 cwt myrabollams H Anandrao and Co; 2000 cwt linseed and 1020 cwt teelseed Forbes Forbes Campbell and Co.

Virginia s—1000 cwt myrabollams H Anandrao and Co; 16312 cwt linseed Ralli Brothers.

FOR GENVA

Beckenham s—1000 cwt old iron M Somjee; 200 tons old iron and 500 cwt myrabollams Societa Coloniale Italiana; 700 bales cotton and 3500 castorseed Ralli Brothers.

R Rubattino s—200 bales cotton, 3013 cwt rapeseed and 500 cwt castorseed Ralli Brothers; 1500 cocoanuts E B Parekh; 2000 cwt rapeseed Societa Coloniale Italiana; 1010 cwt castorseed and 200 cwt myrabollams Volkart Brothers.

FOR NAPLES.

R Rubattino s—15 cwt gingellyseed Societa Coloniale Italiana

FOR MARSEILLES.

Beckenham s—4007 cwt wheat, 2000 cwt mowraseed, 8398 cwt teelseed, 4000 cwt jowaree, 1010 cwt gram, 300 cwt poppyseed and 10 4 cwt linseed Ralli Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Ischia s—8 bales twist E Noo din ant Co; 87 cwt olibanum M J Joosabhoy and Co; 8 cwt fo nelseed G Madho ajl; 175 cwt googal C Harjee; 181 cwt brasbole. 185 cwt olibanum and 122 cwt googal R M Jaffer and Co; 25 bales twist Talati and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Ischia s—300 bales twist Tata and Co.

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Bombay, 12th October.

1. Orderly Sergeants for the week:—

No. 1 Company—Br T Saunders next for duty Corpl G Murray.

No. 2 Company—Sergt H J Long next for duty Sergt W Ewing.

2. The following drills will take place this week:—

No. 1 Company (Town Hall Compound.)

Tuesday at 6-30 p.m. and Thursday at 8-45 p.m.—Gun and Squad drill.

No. 2 Company (Nesbit Lane Head Quarters.)

Tuesday and Thursday at 8-45 p.m.—Gun and Squad drill.

3. It is notified for information that the Inspector-General of Volunteers in India will inspect the Corps as follows:—No. 3 Company Friday 16th instant, at 7-15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Companies on Thursday 29th instant. Dress, time and place, will be notified hereafter.

4. There will be a meeting of Non-Commissioned Officers of No. 2 Company, at Nesbit Lane Head-Quarter on the 13th instant after drills.

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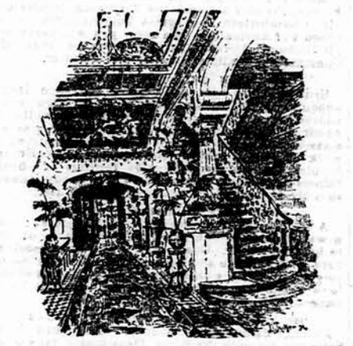

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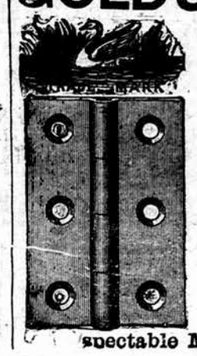

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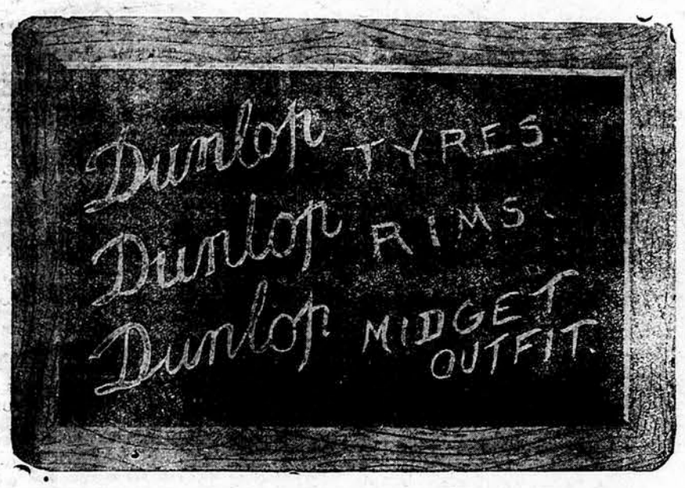

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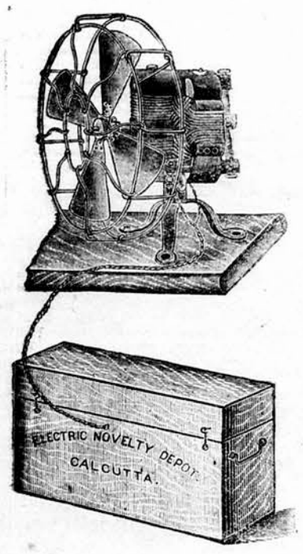

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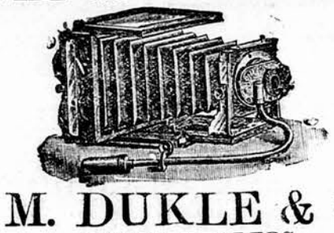

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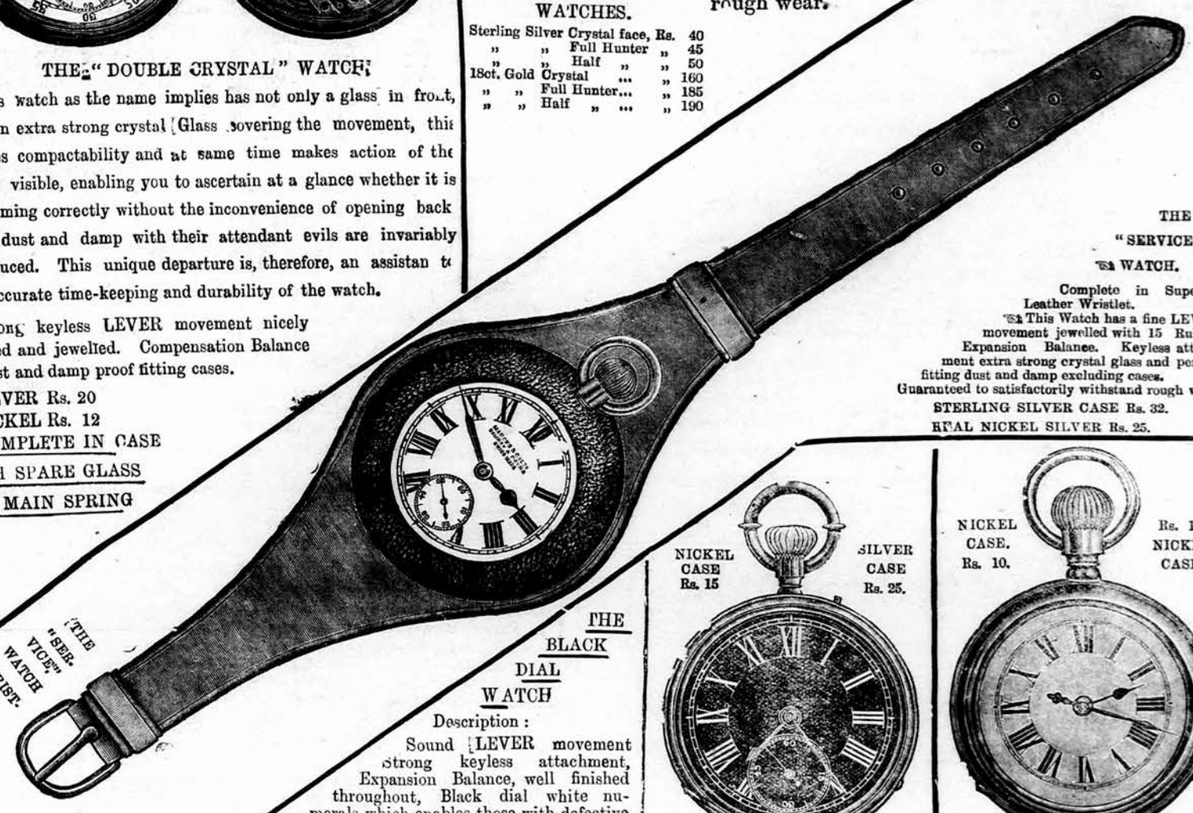

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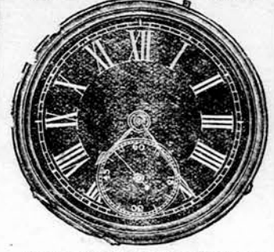

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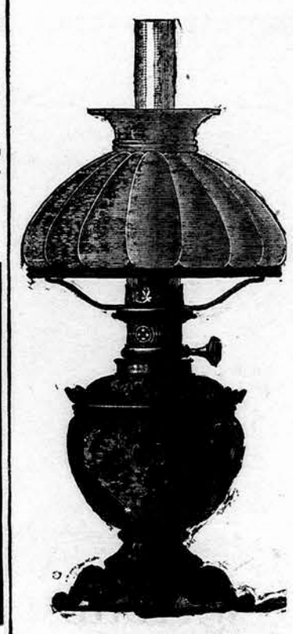

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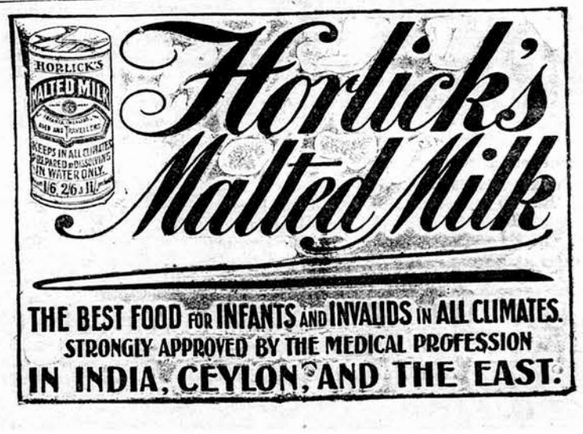

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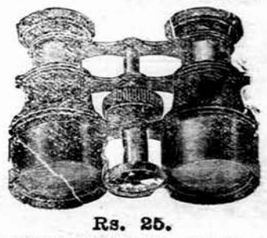

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